

## REMOVAL OF COURT HOUSE

### HOT SPRINGS COMPANY SUBMITS PROPOSITION

### OFFERS COUNTY FREE SITE

Will Not Be Considered at The Present Term of County Court

Considerable excitement was manifested Monday morning when a delegation of the prominent business men called on the County Commissioners to enter a protest against any change in the location of the Court House. It had been learned that a proposition was to be submitted to the Commissioners this morning by the Hot Springs Company, for furnishing a free site for the new building on the Hot Springs tract.

Rumors have been afloat for more than a year in regard to a change of location, and considerable publicity was given to the matter about two months ago, when someone proposed to have the new building located on the hill, but no proposition was presented to the Commissioners to act upon until this morning, when W. E. Worden, on behalf of the Klamath Development Company, presented a written communication from S. O. Johnson, the president of the company.

The delegation was present and made its protest before the proposition had been received by the court, and the statement was made that it looked as if the court and the papers were acting together in an effort to keep the matter secret, so that the change could be made before the people had any knowledge of what was being done. Judge Griffith, after first reading the proposition, stated that no change would be made in the location of the Court House at this term of court, nor any action looking toward a change.

Among the business men who called on the court were: C. S. Moore, Fred Melhase, L. F. Willis, C. B. Crisler, F. M. White, Harry Sults, Geo. R. Hurn, Geo. T. Baldwin, E. R. Reames, Mr. Maddox, Frank Ward, P. L. Fountain, Alex. Martin Jr., Wilber White, W. T. Shive and others. The attitude of the Commissioners, in not considering the proposition this term, was somewhat of a blow to the delegation, as they had been informed that the Commissioners were intending to secure the transfer and make the change today. The Judge and Commissioners stated that this was the first time a proposition had been made to them and in matters of this nature it had always been their rule to allow everyone a chance to be heard on the matter. Following is a copy of the proposition of the Klamath Development Company:

Jan. 6, 1910.

To the Honorable County Court of Klamath County, Oregon.

Gentlemen:—It having come to our knowledge that you contemplate the construction of a new Court House during the coming year, upon the present site on Main street in the City of Klamath Falls, it has occurred to us that the present location is not sufficiently large, nor the right elevation, nor sufficiently sightly for the construction and maintenance of the magnificent building you no doubt will erect.

In pursuance to a resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the Hot Springs Company, I am vested with authority to offer you what we are pleased to consider a much better location in many ways, and the acceptance of which will mean the saving of a good many thousand dollars to the taxpayers of Klamath County.

We offer you absolutely free, without charge, block ten (10), in the Hot Springs Addition to the City of Klamath Falls, to be used for the purpose of the construction and maintenance of the new Court House building.

This site comprises five (5) acres and is located sufficiently high above the surrounding territory to make it sightly, and is easily accessible to vehicles or pedestrians.

We have always kept this block intact, expecting later, when the time became ripe, to construct a large hotel and sanitarium at a cost of not less than \$150,000 to \$200,000. In case of your acceptance, we will locate this important structure on or near the park immediately below.

We consider block 10 a very valuable tract. For instance, the five acres could be platted into thirty lots, and we could easily secure for these lots, at present prices, a thousand dollars each. This would mean, at the present time, a valuation of

\$30,000. As time passes, the valuation will double and treble.

In addition to this, we will grade Wall street from the intersection with the Esplanade to its intersection with the right of way of the U. S. Government Canal, and construct six (6) foot cement sidewalks on either side. We will bridge the Government canal with a good and sufficient bridge, and grade the Aslameda for a splendid drive 80 feet wide, around the entire block, from intersection to intersection of Main and Claire street.

We will also give you perpetual right to the use of two inches of water from the Hot Springs, with which you can heat the building. You can not only heat the building with this water, but it will supply you all you need for drinking, and as a further consideration, the residue, you can conserve in tanks or reservoirs, and have sufficient water to irrigate the entire tract of land which you will acquire by the acceptance of this proposition.

It seems to us that this is an offer which you can not very well refuse, especially since there can be no argument against it from the standpoint of the taxpayer.

The Court House and the property incident thereto is owned by the county government itself, and is no part or parcel of Klamath Falls, except that it must be located within the city limits, which requirement is met by the proposed location.

A more sightly place could not be found within the city. It is now on a short time until the Southern Pacific Co. will run its through trains from Portland, San Francisco, Sacramento, Reno and the Oregon Short Line, south, north and eastern outlets through Klamath Falls.

Should you erect your new building on the site suggested, it will be in plain view of thousands and thousands of people who must look at it whether they will or not. This will mean a great deal of good to the county from an advertising standpoint, since in plain view of the tourists will be, first, the magnificent Court House, then the Public School a short distance to the rear, and in the background and a little above on the hillside, the County High School, producing a picture which can not fail to make a good impression upon the minds of the traveling public. This means more than the ordinary person appreciates, and, taken in conjunction with the magnificent \$20,000 depot which the Southern Pacific Co. is erecting, would tend to make this town talked of all over the United States.

Then, there is another feature which we think is perhaps the most important of all. The county will not only acquire this site free of any cost, but it can also sell the present site for a large sum of money, and the proceeds can be used in the construction of the new building, which of itself means a SAVING, and money in the pockets of every taxpayer in the county.

You have in your present site, as I understand it, a block of land 240 feet along Main street, and 240 feet wide, surrounded by four streets. Property was assessed in this particular locality, by the last Board of Equalization, at \$100 a front foot. It has been selling in the vicinity of \$150 a front foot. Taking the assessed valuation, it means that the county ought to realize from this block, say 240 feet at \$100, which means \$24,000. That part fronting on Klamath avenue should bring at least half as much. This would mean a total of \$36,000, to be used in the construction of the new building.

Also you are paying at the present time, for heating and city water, \$750 per year. Under the new regime, this item of expense will be very small. Should you pursue your present method of heating in the new and large building, the present expense would be doubled or trebled, and this means an item of expense forever.

We think it more than probable that the purposes for which the present Court House property will be used, would enhance the value of other property in that vicinity, greater than would the building of a new Court House there, and it has been our observation that court houses, as a rule, in cities of consequence, are but seldom located on the principal business streets.

You must appreciate that the trend of the City of Klamath Falls is in an easterly and northerly direction. If the city grows to the proportions that we all expect, it is going to cover from the lower limits of the Enterprise tract to the Upper Klamath Lake, and every part of the present town should be good.

It is not the wish nor the desire of the Hot Springs Co. nor the Klamath Development Co. to depreciate the property of any part of Klamath Falls. The only way for us to succeed is to have a larger and greater Klamath Falls, and pull together, and we do not see why, looking ahead into the future, that the location we are offering you now will not be in the center of the new and greater city.

We should be glad to have you consider this and to accept it, and we wish to assure you of the hearty co-operation of the Klamath Development Co. in every way during the period of construction and afterwards.

Respectfully submitted,  
KLAMATH DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.  
By S. O. JOHNSON, President.

O. T. McKendree arrived in the city last Friday from Lakeview and is stopping at the Lakeside Inn.

## EXHIBIT WAS REVELATION

### KLAMATH COUNTY'S SHOWING MADE DEEP IMPRESSION

### IT EXCITED MUCH COMMENT

Great Influx of Homeseekers to the Valley Predicted As a Result

Many voluntary communications have been received by people of this county, from friends and officials, as acknowledgment of the credit due the excellent showing made by this county at Omaha.

The following letter received by Col. Allison is another revelation of the wonderful attention created by the Klamath County exhibit:

"Omaha, Jan. 4, '10"

"Mr. M. L. Allison,  
"Dear Sir:—The National Corn Exposition just closed in this city was a pronounced success. The word 'corn' used in the title is employed in the generic, rather than the specific, sense, inasmuch as the display of products was in no sense confined to corn, but covered the entire group of food products for a vast territory and brought together a vast array of producers from almost every State of the American Union as well as from the Canadian Northwest, from Cuba, from Porto Rico and Old Mexico. Among this wonderful display of the products of this most favored section there was probably no single one that attracted more attention and excited more favorable comment than the one from the Klamath Falls district. With its 100-pound squash, 24-pound cabbage, 14-pound turnips, 6-pound sugar beets and 5 and 6-pound potatoes, together with its wonderful record in the production of wheat, oats, rye, barley, alfalfa and fruits; embracing Italian prunes, wild plums, huckleberries, apples, peaches and pears; its moderate elevation of 4,100 feet above the sea, its genial climate and fertile soil; it was a revelation, indeed, to thousands of intelligent and observing people that did not fall of a deep and lasting impression. It would be impossible to compute the advertising value of your exhibit, as an advertisement of your section of the great west, and I confidently predict that before your next crop is harvested there will be an influx of homeseekers to your country that will be a revelation to you people at that end of the line.

"Very truly yours,  
"C. G. CUNNINGHAM."

### EXCHANGE COURTESIES

The Mayors of Ashland and Klamath Falls exchanged courtesies Saturday over the Western Union telegraph line, which was first opened to the public on that day. Following are the messages received and sent:

"The Honorable Mayor, Klamath Falls, Ore.:—Best wishes for a prosperous New Year, Ashland to Klamath Falls over the new telegraph line.—R. N. Snell, Mayor."

"Mayor Ashland:—Klamath Falls returns your kind wishes, and welcomes the advent of every public utility as more closely linking the two principal cities of Southern Oregon in a common purpose—the advancement of Southern Oregon.—F. T. Sanderson, Mayor of Greater Klamath Falls."

### R. S. SMITH GOES TO EUGENE

R. S. Smith has made the announcement that he will on March 1 remove from this city to Eugene, where he has formed a partnership with A. R. Woodcock. Mr. Woodcock is recognized as one of the leading attorneys of the State and has a practice that is considered the largest outside of Portland. The change will be of considerable financial benefit to Mr. Smith, inasmuch as it insures him a legal business that will make his income close to \$10,000 annually. It is this fact only that has influenced him in making the change, since he was on the threshold of success in this county, with a future that promised a large and increasing clientele.

B. E. Hayden has gone to Yuma to look after property which he owns there. He will meet his wife in Los Angeles, where she is visiting.

## HILL CREW MOVES CAMP

### TAKES ALONG SUPPLIES TO LAST THREE MONTHS

### EXTENDING SURVEY SOUTH

Camp Now Established on Reservation Only Twenty-Five Miles From Fort Klamath

A communication received from Odell, in the northern part of the county, states that the Hill surveying crew is moving south and is now engaged in establishing a camp at Cow Creek, on the Reservation. This point is about twenty-five miles north of Fort Klamath. The party has taken along about three months' supplies from the main camp at Odell, which is believed to be sufficient to enable the crew to continue far enough south so that future supplies can be secured from this end.

### COLD WEATHER OVER

It is predicted that the cold weather is about over for this winter. The ice on the lake and in the river is breaking up, and since the snow of Thursday the temperature has moderated considerably. The coldest reported by the weather officials this month was on Monday and Wednesday of this week, when the thermometer showed three below zero. On Tuesday morning zero was reached, but the last two nights the lowest was eleven above.

### KLAMATH DEVELOPMENT CO. PURCHASES WEED HOLDINGS

President Johnson Has Been Working for the Location of a Big Plant at That Point

Through the San Francisco office of the Klamath Development Company was consummated a deal that may have back of it important developments for this city—developments that may mean more for Klamath Falls than anything of the kind that ever transpired in this country. It was the purchase by this corporation of the Abner Weed holdings at the lower end of the Upper lake. About 400 acres are involved in the transaction, and joins onto the present holdings of the Hot Springs Company, extending north along the lake and back into the foothills. This property controls very desirable lake frontage, and makes it particularly valuable for factory sites.

Local representatives of the company today denied any knowledge of any connection between this transaction and the erection of large saw mills, stating that they were not conversant with the details of the transaction, inasmuch as the deal was negotiated and closed in San Francisco. A remarkable coincidence in connection with this purchase, however, is that it comes close on the heels of a strong rumor that the Weyerhaeuser Timber Company contemplates the erection of the largest sawmill in the world at a point on the Upper lake, and this point has been located in the vicinity of the property purchased by the Klamath Development Company.

It is a well known fact that S. O. Johnson, president of the company, is closely associated with Mr. Weyerhaeuser. The latter has known Mr. Johnson from boyhood and has always taken a lively interest in everything that he has been identified with. The fact that Mr. Johnson is making good in the eyes of the financial interests identified with the big timber syndicate has the advantage of adding weight to any suggestion he may make to them. That he has suggested the advisability of locating the mill at the point indicated is strongly suspected and that it is now receiving serious consideration is a well authenticated rumor.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Weyerhaeuser people have an ideal site for a mill at Rocky Point, it is believed that with Mr. Johnson's influence the location for the plant may be changed and brought nearer to Klamath Falls. This is a matter that should receive the serious consideration of the business men of the city. If Klamath Falls is to become a city "from lake to lake," then the saw mills that are to reduce the great timber resources of the county to marketable lumber must be located

so as to bring them close to the present site of the city. If Mr. Johnson had this matter in view when his company purchased the Weed holdings, then he should be given every possible aid in bringing about the result he seeks, for it will mean increased population as well as the addition of thousands of dollars weekly in the nature of payrolls. Nothing must be overlooked that will secure for this city the big Weyerhaeuser saw mill.

### BIG REVENUE FROM GOVERNMENT TIMBER SALES

Oregon Ranks Seventh Among All the States in Railroad Construction

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—(Special.)—Pending timber sales from the national forest reserves of Oregon and Washington will mean a revenue to the two commonwealths of more than \$300,000. This sum will go to the school and road funds of the two States, the counties benefited being those in which the timber grew. The distribution of this money will mean great improvement to both States.

Sales this year will be the heaviest yet made from government reserves. Last year sales in the two States aggregated 130,000,000 feet, board measure. This year proposals have been made for the purchase of about 650,000,000 feet. Growing scarcity of timber on private holdings is leading mill men to the reserves for logs. This increase is expected to continue for the next few years until the point is reached where only mature timber will be cut.

Stumpage prices this year charged by the government are about \$2. The forestry law provides that 25 per cent of the stumpage revenue shall go to the State where the forest is cut. This means that the revenue to the two States for the coming year from timber cut off forest reserve lands will be about \$1,200,000.

Numerous important conventions of interest throughout the Northwest States are scheduled for Portland during the present month. The Oregon State Federation of Labor and the Northwest Retail Harness and Saddlery Association opened their annual gatherings today, and interesting sessions are being held by both of these bodies. Good attendance has marked the conventions, the delegates being widely representative of the North Pacific States. The Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association, which embraces those portions of Washington tributary to Portland as well as this whole State, will meet here January 18 and 19, and the Pacific Federation of Hardware and Implement Dealers' Association will meet here January 20 and 21.

The Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor throughout the State are planning to send full delegations to the big State convention to be held in Portland February 15, 16 and 17. Dr. Francis E. Clarke, of Boston, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union; General Secretary William E. Shaw, and Dr. John Willis Baer, president of the Occidental College, are among the prominent names that will be on the program.

The Redmond Commercial Club, just organized at Redmond, Ore., is one of the latest members of the Oregon Development League, it having applied for and been admitted to fellowship in the big family of Oregon's most progressive communities. There are now 102 duly accredited members of the Oregon Development League.

Oregon ranks seventh among all the States in railroad building during 1909. These figures are compiled by the leading railroad publications of the country and show that the Beaver State added 134 miles to its railroads during the year just closed. The Pacific Northwest is declared to be the great goal of competitive railroad building in the United States. The struggle of the railroads to enter Central Oregon is detailed and development in the Willamette Valley and in the Oregon Coast country is recorded. This is a far better showing for the past year than was made in 1908, when 79 miles of new railway was built in this State.

Confidence in Oregon's future is shown by Eastern investors every little while and an instance has just been recorded in the negotiations preliminary to the taking over of the Portland Gas Company by the Electric Shore & Bonding Company of New York, at a cost of about \$4,000,000.

## NORMAL HERE THIS SUMMER

### KLAMATH CO. WILL HOLD FIRST SUMMER TRAINING SCHOOL

### SUPT. SWAN ARRANGES PLAN

Sessions Will Be Held in the Forenoon During the Vacation

Klamath County has the ideal climate for a summer school. While the rest of the world is sweltering in an effort to exist, this county is reveling in fresh, cool breezes and brilliant sunshine. It has long been recognized by the educators of the county that one of the positive needs of our schools was a summer training school. Such a school has been talked and planned for several years but no satisfactory arrangements could be made for carrying on such an enterprise. Recently, however, Superintendent Swan has perfected plans which insure such a school for the coming summer, at least, and which will in all probability result in its becoming a permanent and no small factor in the educational growth of the county.

The work for the coming season will be arranged to meet the needs of several classes of persons. It ought to interest those desiring to take the county examinations with a view to teaching; those teachers holding a county certificate who desire a better one; those wishing to write on subjects for State papers; those desiring to review the common branches preparatory to taking the fall examination for eighth-grade diplomas, and those who for any reason wish to work up or review any of the branches included in the course.

The program will be arranged to meet as nearly as possible the needs of everyone. The sessions will be held in the forenoon and the term will be ended in time for the August teachers' examination. The instructors are Messrs. Swan, Butcher and Faught, all of whom are thoroughly familiar with this kind of work and are expert in the subjects assigned them. It is expected that a large number of teachers, high school and eighth grade students will take advantage of this opportunity and help to make the first Summer Normal a success.

### CARD OF THANKS

I wish to extend my heartfelt thanks to the many kind friends who lent such kindly assistance and help during the last sickness and death of my beloved wife, and for the many tokens of sympathy received in the hour of my bereavement. I wish to assure all my friends of my sincere appreciation of their friendship.  
JAMES H. WHEELER.  
Fort Klamath.

### WESTERN UNION TIME

The Western Union will not install clocks in the business houses of the city at the present time. It is reported, however, that the installation will be made within three months. The necessary ordinance for the extension of the lines will first have to be secured from the city. It is expected that there will be about twelve clocks used by the business houses of the city this summer.

### NEARLY LOST AN EYE

Henry Rabbes, of the Home Realty Company, sustained a painful accident on Sunday while in his barn. Turning quickly, he ran into a projecting piece of limb wood, breaking his glasses and cutting his cheek to the bone. Had the limb been an inch higher, he would have lost his right eye. Dr. Hamilton stitched up the wound and Mr. Rabbes feels glad that the accident was not worse.

### SHIPMENT OF HORSES

Six carloads of Klamath County horses were shipped Monday from Midland for San Francisco. The horses were recently purchased throughout the county by E. Stewart, the horse buyer, and are the first shipment to be made this year.

I. D. Applegate returned Friday from Fruitvale, where he spent the holidays with his family.