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## FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.

While at Central Point not long since I saw the Engineers drive the first survey pin towards laying out the canal to tap Rogae river at the falls, intending to bring an abundance of water to irrigate what is now known as the desert. It will cost considerable money, but will be of immense benefit to the whole county. The gentlemen that have the enterprise in hand are said to be financially able to carry out their plans, but they should have the encouragement of every citizen in the county, no matter what portion of the county he may reside.

We had a pleasant chat with an old gentleman on the train, who was just six days from the snow fields of Nebraska.

As we rode down from Ashland and could see the green fields around Talent and vicinity he seemed delighted, he casually remarked that he had just finished husking two thousand bushels of corn, and the snow was from a foot to 18 inches deep all the time, and mercury below zero.

How would our Oregon boys like that business?

I visited the Medford school a few days ago and was very much interested and pleased with the systematical manner in which the school is governed. There is an organized band of music formed from among the members of the school and the children form outside and march double file, into the large hall and separate to their respective rooms to martial music, keeping step; and all is quiet, no jostling or hurry. The desks are not marred nor the neighboring fences or buildings broken or destroyed. Order and system rule complete, which is as necessary to the future welfare of the pupil as book knowledge. It should be the duty of our school board in employing teachers to see that

they have capacity and will, to govern with system, as well as ability to impart knowledge. When I saw the two hundred or more bright, intelligent pupils marching, my mind looked forward ten years when all these and the numerous others in all the schools of our county shall have become the men and women, who will do the business of the community, and I could not but think that great changes would have to take place in our financial and transportation system, for it will be impossible for so many to find the means of a livelihood in the same manner that the past generation has.

## KLAMATH RIVER LOGGING-CAMP ITEMS.

Real March weather, consisting of rain, snow, hail, sleet and sunshine alternately every day.

The camp is unusually quiet just now owing to a good many men being laid off until better weather.

The Pokegama mill whistle is a loud one. It can be heard very distinctly at this camp although we are at least thirty miles distant from the mill.

The first log-drive down the Klamath river consisting of over five million feet is almost completed. It is now a demonstrated fact that floating logs down the Klamath river is a decided success, and it is said that logs can be cut, floated and delivered in the mill-pond at Pokegama for less than four dollars a thousand. J.

Welborn Beeson, who has been suffering for sometime with rheumatism and kindred ailments resulting from the bad weather, is much better and hopes to be all right again as soon as "ethereal mildness" opens up.

Jas. Purves, whose dwelling house was burned on the 20th ult, has transformed a large wood and store-house into a very comfortable, temporary dwelling into which his family moved the fore part of the week.