

Spring Meadow Farm Or  
Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> 1904Geo. K. Kines }  
Portland Or }

Dear Sir

Your letter containing the queries of Olanson M. Kines, reached me several days ago, but too busy to answer at once. I attempt to do so now

Query 1<sup>st</sup> The West side of Klamath Lake consists mainly of a strip of marsh and meadow near the lake with a timbered border sloping back towards the spurs of the Cascades. This is partly within the Cascade Forest Reserve, and furnishes a fair summer range for the cattle owned by the nearby ranches, and, higher up in the mountains many outside cattle are pastured during the summer months, on grazing permits.

The East side of the lake is mostly within the Klamath Indian Reservation.

I believe there is plenty of goat range without disturbing the cattle but sheep would scarcely do well in the narrow area between lake and Forest reserve,

2<sup>d</sup> As a rule this climate is good for bronchial affections. I have known of many cases of Asthma entirely cured by a few years residence here. The months of March and April, are about the only trying months for such sufferers.

3<sup>d</sup> I consider this County as offering good inducements in the near future, for nearly all kinds of business, more especially for electrical engineering as there is water power enough going to waste to turn all the machinery in the State, as also to light and heat the entire County.

4<sup>th</sup> I know of but little logged off lands, except some on the West side of the lake, that are now, I think, embraced in the Cascade reserve, R. S. & C. S. more

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formerly owned them. They would  
do for grazing purposes, or, if cleared  
might produce good crops of hay.

5<sup>th</sup> The Government land available  
has nearly all been withdrawn pending  
the determination of the Government  
irrigation project that contemplates  
the reclamation and irrigation  
of over 300,000 acres of land in this  
Basin, partly in both California  
and Oregon. Should this scheme be  
adopted (as I feel confident it will) the  
lands so reclaimed will be subject  
to disposal under the Homestead  
laws of the U.S. and subject to the  
tax of the irrigation cost per acre.

6<sup>th</sup> The average snow fall is hard  
to determine as it varies with the  
different winters. It is generally deeper  
on the West than on the East side  
owing to its being under the Cascade  
Range. It varies from 4 or 5 inches in  
some winters to as deep as 4 to 5 feet  
in extreme hard winters.

7<sup>1/2</sup> I think the chances for employment  
are good along the lines you mention  
as well as others. The town of Telamath  
Halls is enjoying a boom, in the way  
of building and street construction, there  
are a number of new lumbering mills  
going up and more contemplated  
There are two Telephone Companies  
stringing their lines over the county  
but the lighting and heating, the  
furnishing of power &c are unknown  
outside of the town of Telamath Halls.

8<sup>1/2</sup> As to this question, I can only say  
that all kinds of business now being  
pursued in the Halls, seem to be rushed  
and from the influx of people that  
will take place upon the commencement  
of the Government Irrigation System  
there will be still more business to  
handle.

9<sup>1/2</sup> Lots are unusually high, ranging  
from \$75 to \$250, according to location  
I consider the present inflated prices for  
town lots unwarranted, though the

Contemplated improvements in the way of reclamation and irrigation will if undertaken, mean employment of an army of men and teams, and the expenditure of near \$3,000,000 within the next few years, as well as the quadrupling of the population of the county outside the towns. In fact there is no room to doubt but that such an undertaking would make this one of the richest Counties in the State, if not in the entire North West. The question will be settled at an early date as the Chief Engineer of the Reclamation Service will be here in one week to look over the ground and examine the reports and estimates of his subordinates who have been busy here the entire summer, when he will determine finally upon its feasibility; and it will be submitted to the people to say whether they accept the proposition or not. Their reply will be widely published throughout the State.

Very Truly Yours O. A. Stearns