

Prineville to Silver Lake, 102 miles, two round trips.

Prineville to Mitchell, 55 miles, three round trips.

Total number offices served on these routes, 26.

Total mileage routes terminating at Prineville, 496.

Prineville was raised to a third-class office July 1, 1900, with a salary of \$1,200, and clerk hire.

ALLEN & LAFOLLETT.

Breeders of Merino Sheep.

The home ranch of the above firm is on McKay Creek, ten miles north of Prineville. They sell several hundred rams annually, mostly to sheepmen of this and adjoining counties. For the 1901 season they will have 800 rams for sale. They are trying to breed a large, hardy, up-to-date sheep, shearing a good fleece of light shrinkage, fine wool.

This business was commenced by the purchase of 400 pure-bred Spanish Merino ewes by B. F. Allen, from California parties, in 1883. Mr. Allen bred to Spanish Merino rams from Kirkpatrick, Bullard and others, until the fall of 1892, at which time he purchased five Dickenson Delaine rams of H. G. McDowell, of Canton, Ohio. This purchase was followed the next fall by another of five polled Dickenson Delaine rams of Mr. McDowell.

In June, 1896, Mr. Allen sold a half interest in the business to his son-in-law, T. H. Lafollett, and it was continued under the firm name of Allen & Lafollett.

In the fall of 1896 they bought five Rambouillet rams of Thos. Wycoff, of Orchard Lake, Mich., and two more rams of him in 1897. In 1897 they bought four Standard Delaine rams of A. T. Gamber, of Wakeman, Ohio. In the fall of 1898 six more Standard Delaine rams from Gamber and three Rambouillet rams from O. E. Lincoln & Son, of Milford Center, Ohio, were secured. During the fall of 1900 five National Delaine rams were bought of Alexander Turnbull & Son, of Cedarville, Ohio.

Wishing to get acquainted with some of the leading breeders, see their flocks and make personal selections, Mr. Lafollett went East last August. He visited several

states, and purchased six large Glide Rambouillet rams of Joseph F. Wright, at Nephi, Utah, seven Standard Delaine rams and six yearling ewes of A. T. Gamber, of Weston, Mich., and twenty Improved Delaine ewes of G. D. Newcomer & Son, of Wauseon, Ohio.

pasture lands and return more money for a given amount of feed and care than other stock. A large, hardy, quiet good shearing mutton sheep will be most popular. Sheep and cattle will sell by weight, rather than by the head, as now. Then the best breeder and



RAMBOUILLETT RAM, PROPERTY OF ALLEN & LAFOLLETT.

These twenty-six registered ewes will be a valuable addition to their flock. They will register them in the Standard Delaine Association, and will add to the number from time to time by purchase of the best to be had in the East. This will be the first registered Delaine flock in the state.

These gentlemen are well pleased with the Rambouillets, and are following up that cross. They now have some seven-eighths, which show up very well.

FUTURE OF THE STOCK BUSINESS IN CROOK COUNTY.

Crook County will soon experience great development. Our streams will be taken out in irrigating systems. Reservoirs to hold up spring floods will be built. Most of our desert lands will be converted into alfalfa fields. Where alfalfa does not succeed, clover and other forage crops will. There is no doubt but forage crops will be a greater success than cereals on our irrigated lands. The stock business will continue to be our leading industry. We will carry many more times more stock than at present. The tendency will be toward smaller holdings of superior stock. Our surplus will be disposed of to a better advantage. Sales will be of fully grown stock in good condition. We will continue to grow all kinds of stock. Sheep will lead in number however, because they will do less damage to soft irrigated

feeder will get his reward. The days of the scrub will be numbered here, as it is in older counties. Improved stock will pay so much better it will be in great demand. Our greatest needs are: A railroad into the county, access to timber reserves with our stock in summer under reasonable regulations, and a continuance of the scalp bounty law in some form.

T. H. LAFOLLETT.

J. W. BOONE.

J. W. Boone, one of Oregon's native sons, who was born a poor boy and spent the



GLIDE RAMBOUILLETT RAMS, PROPERTY OF ALLEN & LAFOLLETT.



first thirty-three years of his life in the hardest kind of farm labor. He is a self-