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HEAVY SNOW WORTH MUCH

FIRST HEAVY SNOW FALL OF THE SEASON COVERS GROUND HERE TO DEPTH OF NEARLY 18 INCHES—STORM IS GENERAL IN THIS DISTRICT

Last Saturday the first heavy snow storm of the winter visited this section. Snow began falling in the morning and continued at intervals all day and most of the night, with the result that Sunday morning the ground was covered to a depth of about 18 inches on the level. This was one of the hardest snow storms ever known in this section, and will be worth thousands of dollars to the farmers and ranchers, as it insures a large amount of moisture for the ground the coming season. The storm was general all over the county, and outside of the irrigated section the benefit of the heavy snow fall will be especially beneficial. Last year the only heavy fall of snow occurred on Thanksgiving day and did not remain long on the ground. Reports from all over the state say that snow fell on Saturday. At Portland a heavy fall was recorded and four feet are reported at The Dalles. Forty inches is reported

at Metolius, and word was received here that the Crooked river section was getting a heavy fall.

Trains on all roads entering Portland have been snow bound. No trains have arrived here since Sunday morning. The Sunday morning train bound for Portland was blockaded at Maupin, and pulled back to Metolius. The O-W R. & N. tried to get a train through but could get no further than Deschutes Junction on the Columbia river. It was the worst storm known to railroad men on the coast.

So far as can be learned no stock in Crook county is in any danger as there is plenty of feed, and the weather only slightly below the freezing point.

Several roofs on business houses in the city started to leak from the heavy accumulation of snow, and traveling was somewhat difficult until roads and paths were broken. But taken all around, the storm was a big boon to this section of the country and state and insures a bountiful 1912 crop.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR

The following committees have been appointed by Mayor Jones for the ensuing year:

Public Accounts and Finance—Roy A. Bush, W. H. Anderson, M. A. Lynch.

Streets and Alleys—F. M. White, G. W. Wells, J. F. Hosch.

Fire Department—G. W. Wells, M. A. Lynch, W. H. Anderson.

Waterworks and Railroads—W. H. Anderson, F. M. White, G. W. Wells.

Ordinances—J. F. Hosch, Roy A. Bush, F. M. White.

License—M. A. Lynch, J. F. Hosch, Roy A. Bush.

COLONISTS ARE COMING

COLONIST RECORD IN SPRING TO EXCEED ALL IS FORECAST —MANY IOWANS ARE COMING —SIX HUNDRED ASK ABOUT THIS STATE AT THE CARS

Influx of colonists into Oregon and the settlement of unoccupied farms in the state during the reduced one way rate period next spring will exceed all records, according to advance information received by Fred W. Graham, western industrial and immigration agent of the Great Northern railway.

Mr. Graham is keeping in close touch with the Oregon exhibit car which the Great Northern has on its second annual tour of the east and learns that the interest among farmers of that portion of the country in Oregon is such that it will bring many of them to the state within the present year. In the last few weeks the car toured Iowa, the following being samples of reports obtained from officials in charge:

K. F. Johnson of Olewain, Iowa, is interested in Oregon and will settle here in the spring. G. P. Thropp and L. G. Titus, farmers living near the same city, will invest

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MESSAGE TO THE COUNCIL

MAYOR JONES REVIEWS WORK OF THE PAST YEAR DONE BY THE CITY COUNCIL, AND ADVOCATES SOME NEW MEASURES FOR COMING YEAR

To the Common Council of the City of Redmond:

Gentlemen: Tuesday marked the close of the work of the Common Council for the year 1911. In looking over the work accomplished by the last Council, the result is very gratifying when we consider the limited means at their disposal and the fact that the entire board were novices at the work of making laws and financing a new and growing town.

Many important problems have been before you, and been worked out, among which I will enumerate the following: Street grades have been established, sidewalks already in made to conform to grade, and new ones placed where needed the worst; a street sprinkler purchased and used during the past summer months, much to the comfort of our citizens; a number of new bridges have been built across the canal and irrigating ditches; also, Sixth and E streets have been graded. But the most important work accomplished by you has been the framing of a new special charter. This work has taken much of the time of the councilmen and the result has been such that the Common Council of 1911 can always look back to it with pride. The water problem has also taken much time and trouble throughout the year, and while the result of your labors will be left to this Council to complete and carry out the plans outlined and under way, they are now in such shape that the city is reasonably sure a first class water system with 84 pounds pressure will be completed within the next few months. This will give Redmond one of the very best water systems in the state.

Harmony has been the keynote of the meetings of the Council during the past year, and I sincerely hope the same spirit prevails during the year 1912. Only in two instances have there been differences between the Mayor and Council. In the first case the Mayor pointed out to the Council on two or three successive meetings, that the accounts of the city were in poor shape, and that the collections from city water users, licenses, etc., from delinquents were not being pushed. The resignation of the Recorder was requested in writing, on account of his frequent absence from the city, thereby being unable to give proper attention to the duties of the office. The Recorder not giving in his resignation after being requested to do so, the Mayor asked the Council to sanction the removal of this officer, and this request was not acted upon by the Council until near the close of the year.

The other difference between the Mayor and Council was in reference to the wisdom of the city paying \$300 for two brides across the canal at a time when the city was nearly \$4000 in debt on outstanding warrants. This money was appropriated over the protest of the Mayor.

With these two exceptions all meetings of the Council have been characterized by a strong spirit of tranquility and purpose to render the best service possible for the advancement and prosperity of Redmond.

I am truly sorry I am unable to furnish you with an itemized statement of the receipts and disbursements for the past year at this time, but as the Recorder, who has been at work on the books since changing Recorders did not check separately receipts and expenses for

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REMEMBER

We still have the Best Line of Cigars, Candies, Stationery, Office Supplies, Blank Books, Fountain Pens, Magazines, Books, etc.

We take subscriptions to any periodical published. Most of them we can give special club rates.

We are still serving hot and cold drinks.

Mendenhall's

CREAMERY TO START BY FEB.

H. F. MEYER OF TACOMA, EXPECTS TO BE HERE AND HAVE CREAMERY IN OPERATION IF POSSIBLE ABOUT THE FIRST OF NEXT MONTH

W. S. Rodman, secretary of the Crook County Dairymen's Association, who has been active in trying to get a creamery established in Redmond, informed The Spokesman last Saturday that he had a letter from H. F. Meyer of Tacoma, saying he expected to be in Redmond in time to get a creamery in operation early in February.

Mr. Meyer was here in the summer and looked the creamery situation over carefully, and arrived at the conclusion that Redmond was the right location for a plant. He is an experienced creamery man and intends to start out on a small scale, building up as the business warrants.

Ground has already been bought for a creamery site, but the plant may be started in one of the vacant buildings in the city and business transacted there during the winter months. In the spring it is the intention to build a commodious plant capable of taking care of the business of this section.

One thing is certain, and that is—a creamery is assured for Redmond, and it will draw patronage from a large territory.

OLD COUNCIL WINDS UP YEAR'S BUSINESS

At the meeting of the City Council Tuesday night the old Council wound up, as nearly as possible, all the city business so as to turn over a clean slate to the incoming Council. A large amount of routine business was disposed of, and numerous bills allowed. An order was made that in the future prosecutions against delinquent water and light users, and those who refused to pay their occupation tax, costs of suit would be added to the fine and collected. The Council adjourned its regular session to tomorrow night. The standing committees of the Council for the ensuing year, are published elsewhere in this issue.

If you achieve success, you must pass the slow man.

BANK OF COMMERCE DECLARES DIVIDENDS

ANNUAL MEETING HELD THIS WEEK, AND OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS ELECTED—SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND

The annual meeting of the stockholders and board of directors of the Redmond Bank of Commerce was held Tuesday afternoon, and the following directors elected: J. W. Brewer, G. E. Dobson, G. M. Slocum, B. A. Kendall and M. A. Lynch.

The following officers for the bank were elected at this meeting: Prest.—J. W. Brewer. Vice Prest.—G. E. Dobson. Cashier—G. M. Slocum. Asst. Cashier—A. J. Haney.

The directors declared a semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent, and were much pleased with the prosperous condition of the institution.

NEW TOWN PLATTED SIX MILES FROM CRESCENT

La Pine Inter Mountain: Information reached La Pine this morning that the Hunter Land Company surveyors who were laying out a townsite near Corral Springs, fifteen miles south of Crescent, were compelled to quit work there for the time being on account of the deep snow. The surveyors arrived at Crescent, are stopping at the hotel, and are laying out a townsite six miles west of that town.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF CITY BUSINESS

It has been suggested by some of the citizens that it would be a good plan for the City Council to publish an itemized quarterly report of the receipts and disbursements of the city. By doing this it is contended that the citizens and taxpayers could keep in touch with city affairs, and not be groping in the dark as to what is being done with the money collected for water and light rent, occupation tax, etc., and for what purpose it is expended.

GRAZING FEES ARE REDUCED

The Forest Service has decided to make a material cut in grazing fees to be charged for the range in National forests during 1912. The new schedules will reduce rate on sheep 1 to 1½ cents a head, with proportionate reduction on cattle. It is estimated this reduction will reduce the total fees collected next year about \$50,000.

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THE REDMOND SPOKESMAN

The Spokesman has installed a Linotype type setting machine and will, the coming year, give its readers a largely increased amount of reading matter each week; much more than has been heretofore given.

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