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MORE ABOUT CROOK COUNTY

STATISTICS TAKEN FROM THE OREGON ALMANAC AND PUBLISHED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THOSE INTERESTED

CROOK COUNTY

Central eastern Oregon; east slope Cascade mountains. Population about 12,000; 91 per cent American born. Of the foreign about one-tenth is English, and the balance is made up of Swiss, German, Irish and Canadians. Transportation—Oregon Trunk R. R. (Hill system) and Deschutes R. R. (Harriman system) enter the county from the north and traverse the central portion to Bend (150 miles from the Columbia river and their connections with two great transcontinental railroad systems), and afford the products of the Central Oregon Empire an outlet to the markets of the world. Auto stage lines from Redmond and other important trade centers in the county radiate in all directions. Extension of railroads to the south, east and west, and construction of other railroad lines into this region is in immediate prospect, and, in some instances, actual construction work is under way.

Water—Deschutes river, Crooked river, Metolius river, and numerous other smaller but important streams, tributary to the Deschutes, the main drainage artery, afford an abundance of pure mountain water for domestic, irrigation and power purposes. The maximum discharge of the Deschutes river is only about four times the minimum. This river and its tributaries are capable of developing approximately 421,000 horsepower.

Lands—Surface: In the main it consists of fertile valleys, broad plains, and easy slopes to the mountains. Soils: Volcanic ash and silt (mud or fine earth deposited from running streams or standing water) of excellent texture, light gray in color, greatly improved by use of green fertilizers. Highly productive of small fruits, hemp, hops and other agricultural crops when irrigated. Approximately 260,000 acres of arid land now in process of irrigation under the Carey Act provisions. Improvements of public lands, susceptible of cultivation under dry farming methods, open to entry under provisions of enlarged homestead act allowing 320 acres to the person eligible to entry under the homestead law. Average value of farm lands \$17.54 an acre cultivated and uncultivated (U. S. census 1910).

Industries—Lumbering, live stock (cattle and wool) and agriculture. Principal crops are hay (both grain and grass), rye, barley and oats. Cattle, sheep, horses and swine are raised extensively and profitably. Crook county is the home of the largest and best sheep ranch in the world. Highest awards for dry farming products at National Dry Farm Congress at Spokane, Wn., 1910, and at Colorado Springs, Col., 1911, and at International Dry Farming Congress at Lathbridge, Alta., 1912.

Timber—Large forest of natural

R. R. WILL SHIP EXHIBITS FREE

FREE FREIGHT FOR THE CHILDREN'S INDUSTRIAL EXHIBITS AT THE OREGON STATE FAIR WILL BE GRANTED

I am sure the school children of Oregon will be delighted to know that the different railroads, the S. P., the O. W. R. & N. and the Hill lines in Oregon, including the Astoria line, the Oregon Electric and the United Railways, have all agreed to carry the school children's exhibits to and from the State Fair this year, free of charge.

In order to take advantage of this liberal offer the exhibits of a certain county, or district, must be assembled at one or more convenient shipping points and shipped together in the name of the county school superintendent, teacher or other authorized person.

This is a fine thing for the railroads to do, and it will help wonderfully in this industrial contest. Now the child 200 miles away from Salem can send an exhibit to the fair just as well as one only 20 miles away. We hope the boys and girls all over the state, knowing this fact early in the season, will begin at once to prepare something for the State Fair. It begins September 29 this year, and the prize list is larger and more attractive than last year. The list will be off the press in a few days and sent out of the county school superintendents from whom each family can secure a copy.

Besides the fine line of regular and special prizes in the individual classes, there are five cash prizes ranging from \$100 down to \$40 for the best collective exhibit by the schools of any county. There are also five special prizes for the best exhibit by one room districts outside of counties making a county exhibit.

Oregon has a good chance to lead the world in industrial work this season, and reap a great reward. To this end we hope to have the co-operation of not only all the teachers and children, but of every other citizen of the state.

N. C. MARIS, Field Worker Industrial Fairs.

ANGRY FATHER OBJECTS

Does Not Want His Daughter to Wed Man of Her Choice

Prineville Journal, March 20: The sheriff's office had a bit of romance mixed in with its regular proceedings this week when Sheriff Elkins was notified by an angry father at Montesano, Wn., to look for his runaway daughter.

It seems the daughter who is not quite of age, decided to get married. The father objected, so she and her fiancée, Herman Seeman, came to Mr. Tucke, an old friend who lives at Redmond, and were married. The sheriff brought Mr. and Mrs. Seeman over from Redmond yesterday and put them in the care of Mrs. McDowell at the Prineville Hotel. He phoned the father about them and suggested that he forget and forgive. Mr. and Mrs. Seeman appear to be earnest, honest young people.

TO MAKE HENS WORK HARDER

EXPERIMENT FOR MORE EGGS ON OREGON FARMS IS PLAN TO BE TRIED OUT BY THE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Poultry breeding for egg yield is the object of experiment No. 201 of the Oregon Agricultural Experiment League. There probably is nothing which will do more to advance the poultry industry and increase the profits of production than systematic breeding of this kind.

Undoubtedly 25 or 50 per cent of the hen in most farm flocks do not lay enough eggs to pay for their keep. The trap nest is the only thing, so far as known, that will demonstrate this and will tell which hens do the laying. If a farmer in each county joins the league, trap nests a flock, and then saves the best for breeding purposes, his neighbors would come to him for eggs for hatching and for cockerels from the best layers in his flock and it would not be long before every farmer in the county had stock bred from good layers.

The league proposes to make three separate experiments. In the first a three months' record of the eggs laid by each hen in the flock is kept. In the second a similar record for six months is kept, and in the third a whole year's record. It is best, if possible, to start the experiments at the beginning of the laying year, and to use pullets. The work may begin when the flock begins laying, Nov. 1 is a good time to start a year's record, or it may start Oct. 1, or December 1.

In the first three months the early fall and winter layers may be picked out. Those will be the kind to breed from rather than others which, though they may lay as many eggs in the year, do so in the season when eggs are cheaper.

A six months' record will show fairly well which are the more profitable hens. At the end of that time there could be a weeding out or killing off of the poorest layers. Some will do pretty well for six months, so they may be removed from the flocks when the end of the year shows conclusively which were the poor producers.

The remaining fowls would be those which had made a good year's record. The best of these should be selected for the breeding flock, and the pullets hatched from their eggs trap nested the year after. Those who wish to build trap nests like those originated at the Oregon Agricultural College may obtain a bulletin showing how they are made, together with blank for keeping egg records, by writing to the extension division of the college.

Hen Laid Big Egg—

Last Saturday G. R. Webber, who has a farm 6 miles west of the city, was showing an egg laid by a year old Plymouth Rock hen that measured 6x7 1/2 inches, and weighed one quarter of a pound. Mr. Webber thinks this is a good showing as he takes no care of his flock of chickens and they hustle their own living principally.

To Newcomers and Others Coming to Redmond or Central Oregon

THE REDMOND BANK OF COMMERCE DESIRES TO CALL ATTENTION TO THEIR BANKING FACILITIES, AND INVITES NEWCOMERS TO THIS PART OF THE STATE, AS WELL AS OTHERS, TO AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THE OPPORTUNITY OFFERED BY A SAFE, SOUND AND CONSERVATIVE BANKING INSTITUTION.

IT HAS BEEN OUR AIM TO CARE FOR THE NEEDS OF OUR OLD CUSTOMERS, AND ALSO TAKE CARE OF NEW ONES.

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Redmond Bank of Commerce

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NEWCOMERS ARE ARRIVING

THIS SECTION IS GETTING QUITE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE FROM ALL PARTS OF THE UNITED STATES THIS SPRING

A recent issue of the Portland Evening Telegram says:

"Overwhelmed by the rush of colonists to the northwest in volume much greater than they had anticipated, the leading transcontinental railroads have issued orders for the assembling of all their available tourist car equipment at the initial points from which the homeseekers entrain on their lines. "The fact that the railroads have not been emphasizing colonist rates and selling dates very conspicuously in their advertising, and that in a way, the roads are trying to discourage the colonist season business, were taken as sufficient guarantee that the movement would not be extraordinary this spring.

"While it is too early to make anything like an accurate prediction, it is estimated that fully 5000 farmers and prospective settlers are now on their way from the east and central western states to north pacific coast points."

Already Redmond and this section is beginning to get some of the new arrivals into this part of Central Oregon. Nearly every train brings in some of the newcomers. At one time this week seven families of newcomers were quartered at one of the hotels here, waiting to go out on their land.

It is a little early yet for this section to begin getting anything like a rush of settlers from the east who have taken advantage of the low colonist rates, for the big travel on

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FIRE DEPT. IS NEEDED HERE

CITY ORDINANCE PROVIDES FOR A DEPARTMENT, TO BE UNDER CONTROL OF THE CITY COUNCIL—MEN TO BE PAID

On February 6th of this year the city council passed an ordinance authorizing the organization of a fire department for the city. The ordinance gives the organization of the department into the hands of a fire committee to be appointed by the mayor. The mayor appointed as such committee Councilmen McSherry, Immele and Phoenix.

Up to the present time the department as provided for has not been organized. Investigation shows that all the members of the fire committee have been unable to meet and work out a plan for the organization and put the department on a practical, working basis. The Spokesman has been informed by both Mr. McSherry and Mr. Immele that they are ready and willing to meet at any time, and it is presumed that Mr. Phoenix can be persuaded to join with these two members of the fire committee at an early date and get the organization plans under way.

The city has a good water system, with heavy fire pressure, plenty of fire apparatus, a chemical engine, two hose carts with 1000 feet of hose, and a small equipment of ladders, and if an efficient fire department is organized the city will be well protected from fire. As it is at present the fire apparatus could not be handled intelligently and effectively by the volunteers who are always willing to assist at fires. To do good work with fire apparatus there must be experienced men to handle them, and a capable man at the head

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CITY IS TO BE WELL LIGHTED

PLENTY OF LIGHTS IN BUSINESS AND RESIDENCE SECTION IS NOW THE PLAN OF THE COUNCIL LIGHTING COMMITTEE

If the plans of the city lighting committee of the city council are carried out Redmond will be well lighted, both in the business and residence districts. During the past few days the committee has been receiving suggestions from citizens as to the best method of lighting the city, and the conclusion seems to have been reached that a number of cluster lights on the business streets will work to more advantage than the arc system.

As originally intended it was proposed to have five arc lights, four on 6th street and one on D street at the intersection of 4th street, and 16 lamps of 100 watt power scattered in different parts of the residence section. Now it is proposed to have cluster lights on the business streets, alternating from one side of the street to the other. By this method it is claimed the city will be better lighted for the same money as arc lights would cost, and more lights could be installed, thus covering a larger area in both the business and residence sections.

The light committee, Councilmen Anderson, Immele and Ehret, is now working the new plans out and will report at the next meeting of the council, at which time it is expected definite action will be taken as to what system of lights are to be installed.

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