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COURT VOTES TO BOND CO.

The Crook County Court yesterday afternoon voted to call an election to bond the county for \$200,000 for improvement of roads, and the question of the bonding in the above sum will go on the regular November ballot and be submitted to a vote of the people. A petition largely signed by voters and property holders in all parts of the county, asking the County Court to call a bond election was submitted to the court, and the prayer of the petitioners has been granted as stated above.

HARVEST IS SHOWING BIG RETURNS

Harvesting in the county and particularly in this section is now well along, and the results being obtained from grain crops on irrigated land are flattering. In the Redmond district the yield of all kinds of grain will be large. In several instances the oat crop this year made a second crop, something that a great many farmers do not know can be done. In the Powell Butte district adjacent to Redmond, the harvest is developing some large yields. C. A. Morse, a well known farmer of Powell Butte, while in Redmond Monday stated the yield in his section was going way up—much better than in former years. So, taken altogether, the grain crop in the irrigated section will be a bumper one for 1913.

It is a little too early yet to figure on the yield of the potato and other root crops, but from all indications these crops will be fully as large in proportion in the irrigated section as the grain crop.

What appeals most to the growers this year is that there is a chance of marketing all the crops grown at a fair to good price, especially the potato crop.

The attention of readers of The Spokesman, and cattle raisers in particular, is called to the article in this issue by Harvey J. Harris in regard to raising cattle. Mr. Harris is an authority on cattle raising and, besides, is a practical farmer and gives some interesting and pertinent points along both lines in his article.

Bend is singularly unfortunate in the number of disastrous fires she has had within the past two years. Still, there is one consolation—where frame buildings are burned they are usually replaced with substantial stone or brick buildings.

The "Round-Up" at Pendleton was a big event and drew thousands of people. The next big event in Oregon will be the Redmond Potato Show and Fair to be held here October 23, 24, 25.

Look out for the man who is so friendly that he grabs strangers by both hands and tells them his grandmother had just their sort of stomach trouble. Those kind of men don't last.

Lawn tennis seems to have taken the place of baseball in the different towns in Crook county this summer.

PRINEVILLE-METOLUS R. R. IS REPORTED PROGRESSING

The railroad committee brings cheerful news from Metolus, says the Prineville Journal. Messrs. Baldwin, Brink and Stinson have been at work over there several days this week securing the right of way and report good success. About seven miles have been signed up. This amount, together with other sections of the route that have signed, will be sufficient for Contractor Scheel to organize his company and issue bonds for the construction of the road. Mr. Scheel has been anxious to get to work, but could not do so until a certain amount of the right of way had been secured. Mr. Baldwin will notify Mr. Scheel at once so that he can mature his plans and get busy.

The committee will begin the work of securing the right of way for this end of the line and at other places as soon as possible so as not to delay operations this fall. Much time can be saved if owners of land will cooperate with the committee to expedite work. Get together so that construction work can be started before winter.

ADVISES FARMERS TO SAVE HEIFER CALVES

HARVEY J. HARRIS WRITES ON ABOVE SUBJECT

Also Tells the Farmer He Must Fertilize His Land to Get Best Results

Editor Spokesman: While on a recent trip up the Willamette valley to purchase milch cows, I was surprised to find so few for sale, and wondered what will become of the dairy industry if raisers of calves are allowed to kill their heifer calves as has been the case up to now.

You will be surprised to know that cows are being doled out down at Eugene from California, and there is the same demand in the Willamette valley for cows to milk as their is in Central Oregon.

The farmers of Central Oregon should save all the heifer calves by pure-bred bulls (never use a graded bull), and raise their own cows. At this time it is not a matter of quality of cows, but get milk strain and breed them, culling from time to time such as are not nearly perfect in points. Breed will not matter so much as the points, for we need a breed of cattle that will answer all purposes—dairy and beef—and I believe to get the best results Durham, Holsteins and Gurnseys would be the most desirable.

If the Central Oregon farmer intends to keep his land working, he must feed it, for without fertilizing the land the end will soon come to such farmers. To fertilize means 100 per cent yield over present crops, so all hay grown on ranches in Central Oregon should be fed on the land and the barnyard fertilizer put back on the land, and if anyone believes this untrue, try it. I am sure that hay fed on the ranch is worth \$1.50 per ton for fertilizer. Feed your roots, raise more chickens, turkeys, hogs and, above all, raise all the heifer calves and make cows of them to milk or to raise stock for the range, and market your crops through them. But raise them, and if you don't want them, your neighbor will.

Spring calves, Durham and grade, are selling to stock raisers and feeders at \$25 to \$30 per head, yearlings \$40 to \$42.50, and so on up the line, and those prices should be inducements to raise all-purpose cattle.

HARVEY J. HARRIS.

GOOD WORDS FOR THE NEW PASTOR OF M. E. CHURCH

The Sunnyside (Wn.) Sun has the following good words to say about Rev. W. E. Ragan, formerly of the Liberty M. E. church, the pastor recently appointed to this charge:

"One of those incidents which help to make life worth living occurred at Liberty last Wednesday evening, when about one hundred people gathered unexpectedly by Rev. Ragan and family. The Ladies' Aid had conceived the noble idea of buying a set of silver tableware for Mrs. Ragan, in appreciation of services rendered, and took this occasion to present it. The presentation speech was made by Mrs. H. Dills, and Mrs. Ragan spoke at some length in response. The writer has heard some of the greatest living orators in the world, but for conciseness and getting down to brass tacks, he has never heard anything to equal the speeches made by these two ladies. The speechmaking lasted almost two minutes. Friends of Rev. Ragan presented him with a purse containing silver to the amount of—'we don't dare tell you the amount for you would not believe it. Anyway, this is the first case on record where a country minister was routed out of bed to have money thrust upon him. In these hard times when it takes something like a surgical operation to separate a man from a dollar, this action shows that the pastor has got close to the hearts of the people. In the four years Rev. W. E. Ragan has served as pastor of the M. E. church at Liberty he has made a place for himself here which will be hard to fill, and Mrs. Ragan, by her winning personality, has made a host of friends, besides filling at all times successfully the oftentimes difficult position of a minister's wife. The good wishes of this community go with this excellent family to their new field of labor."

H. Baukol and family expect to return home this week from their vacation trip of about two months. Mr. Baukol has been looking over several states, conditions, possibilities, etc., and says that Redmond is good enough for him.

Rev. F. Harvey reports a pleasant experience last Sunday in the new Presbyterian church at Bend, where he preached. He said the acoustic properties of the church are excellent, thereby making speaking easy. He was entertained while in Bend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lucas.

Nine members of the Redmond band will leave here Sunday for Prineville to play at the county fair. Carl Zinke, leader of the Redmond band, has the contract for furnishing the music for the entire session of the fair and will secure players from Bend, Sisters and Prineville to make up a band of 22 performers.

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It is not our purpose, by organizing this department, to compete with local architects and contractors in the designing of local buildings, rather it is thought that we shall be able to aid customers who are not able to get such local men to serve them in this way. We are endeavoring to improve our facilities in rendering efficient service to our customers.

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