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## POTATO SHOW TO BE BIG EVENT

This Year's Show Promises to Outdo Previous Events

NOTED SPEAKERS WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE

Prominent Railroad Officials of Different Roads Have Signified Their Intention of Being Present to Help Along

That the Fourth Annual Redmond Potato Show and Fair will eclipse all previous events is now a certainty. It is a time early in the season that is about the growing season this year was going to be a bad one and that the growth of potatoes and other products that go to make up exhibits at the show, but the warm weather that has prevailed the last few months has dispelled this fear, and all kinds of crops in this section are popping right along, and especially potatoes.

Word has been received from the farming sections tributary to Redmond that there will be a larger and better variety of products shown at a fair than in previous seasons. Though the potato acreage is some smaller this season than last year, the promise is that a better class of crop will be raised, and visitors to the show are certain to see spuds at a price that will make them open their eyes at an exhibition.

President Rodman of the Commercial Club, under whose direction the show is given, has received assurances from the Oregon Agricultural College that Professors J. E. Larson and R. E. Reynolds, and possibly Prof. H. T. French will be here during the two days of the show and will talk to the farmers and others and perhaps assist in judging the products on exhibition.

Prominent railroad officials who have signified their intention of being here will also assist in making the show a success, as they are greatly interested in this section of the state, and what tends to show the resources of this part of Central Oregon appeals to them from a purely business standpoint.

## FARMERS' INSTITUTE IS HERE NEXT WEEK

THE DATE HERE IS MONDAY, AUGUST 31st

Preparations Have Been Made to Make This the Best Event in the County

Arrangements are now practically completed for the Farmers' Institute to be held here next Monday. County Agriculturist Lovett has been working hard to make the institute a success in every particular. The event has been well advertised, both through the newspapers and by Mr. Lovett himself, and all indications point to a good attendance of farmers from all parts of the Redmond, Powell Butte and Terrebonne districts.

Professors J. E. Larson, R. E. Reynolds and A. L. Lovett of the Oregon Agricultural College will be here and give interesting talks to farmers on agronomy, livestock and insects. All farmers are urged to attend, no matter how busy they are, for it is promised they will receive much benefit from the meeting.

The following talks will be given: J. E. Larson—Preparation of Seed Bed and Growing of Crops. R. E. Reynolds—Raising and Feeding Livestock for Best Returns. A. L. Lovett—Insect Pests and Their Control.

Arrangements may be made to have lantern lectures at night on crops and livestock.

## CROOK COUNTY TAXPAYERS LEAGUE ORGANIZED LAST NIGHT

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD AT THE COMMERCIAL CLUB ROOMS AND ATTENDED BY PROMINENT MEN AND TAXPAYERS FROM DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTY—GOOD WORKING ORGANIZATION PERFECTED AND MANY MEMBERS JOIN—ALL TAXPAYERS IN THE COUNTY ELIGIBLE TO MEMBERSHIP

Pursuant to call a number of prominent men and taxpayers from different parts of the county met at the Commercial Club rooms here last night for the purpose of discussing the tax question and taking steps to form a taxpayers' organization for the whole county.

W. S. Rodman of this city, was elected temporary chairman, and George E. Aitken of Sisters, temporary secretary.

The chair appointed J. B. Bell of Prineville, J. R. Roberts of Redmond and Robert Smith of Sisters a committee to draw up articles of organization, by-laws and rules, and report later in the evening.

The object of the meeting was stated and the chair called upon different men present for their views on the subject of taxation in the county and the remedies proposed.

C. M. Elkins of Prineville told about the high taxes that now prevail in the county; thought the initiative measures of the state should be taken up as well as county matters, and that it would be a good plan to put the matter of increased taxation up to all the voters of the county.

Roscoe Howard of Deschutes, said the matter of taxation in the county was getting to be a serious point to consider, and he was heartily in favor of the organization of a taxpayers' league. He said we must have low taxes if we would get the country here settled up.

Mayor Hosch of Redmond, stated he was in favor of standing by the old county of Crook, as we have been used pretty fair in the matter of roads, and did not think by organizing two new counties our taxes would be reduced.

Col. Smith of Lamonta, thought this organization should look into the manner of how the county money has been expended. He said that not many in the north part of the county were in favor of division, and he could not see how they could stand for county division there. He further said if there was a good strong taxpayers' league formed it would be the means of backing up claims for excessive and increased taxation.

W. F. King of Prineville, was heartily in favor of any organization that would be the means of securing lower taxation. Said he also was in favor of keeping the county intact; that there should be a better method of handling the county money. One reason taxation has increased was due to the lack of interest taken by indifferent taxpayers. Our taxation would be doubled he said if the county was divided.

J. W. Brewer said this organization could be the means of

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## OUR POTATOES ARE WANTED

Immigration Agent Graham Wants 2 Carloads of Them

POTATOES MUST WEIGH A POUND EACH OR MORE

Yellowstone Park Hotels Have Written W. S. Rodman for Prices on Large Potatoes to Be Used for Baking Purposes

The fame of the potatoes raised in the Redmond District and the country around here has gone a long distance since the organization of the Potato Show and Fair four years ago. The first potato show was a big surprise to those who attended it, and the size of the potatoes shown astonished even the people in this section.

The railroad officials who attended the first show and the previous ones have always been desirous of getting some of the large mealy potatoes exhibited, for the purpose of placing them on exhibition in their city offices in Portland and Seattle, and also for domestic consumption. During the past three years many large potatoes from this section have been sent from this section to these railroad officials, who have been enthusiastic over their good qualities.

Now comes a request from F. W. Graham, Western Industrial Agent of the Great Northern Railway, asking if his road can get two carloads of potatoes from this section weighing from a pound upward each. The letter was received by W. S. Rodman, president of the Redmond Commercial Club, and he stated he would try to accommodate Mr. Graham and see that his road got what they desired in the potato line.

Mr. Rodman has also received letters from hotels in the Yellowstone National Park inquiring the prices of large potatoes grown in this section. These large potatoes are desired for baking purposes, and if the growers in this section have a number of these kind of potatoes they will be able to find a ready market

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### The BANK of PERSONAL SERVICE

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This is the Fall to start a checking account—to get in the habit of paying in the way that brings back a receipt every time.

It is good business to get receipts, and checks are good receipts for they satisfy the Courts. So we say, do not overlook them. This is the fall to start your checking account—and this is a good strong bank to bank with.

REDMOND BANK OF COMMERCE

INTEREST PAID ON DEPOSITS

## FULL TEXT OF ESTRAY LAW

Measure That Farmers and Stockmen Should Be Familiar With

TELLS ALL ABOUT THE RED TAPE NECESSARY

The Law Provides for Advertising Animal After 20 Days After Same Has Been Taken Up Penalty Is Provided

As there seems to be some confusion and ignorance in regard to the Estray law enacted by the last Legislature, The Spokesman publishes the law in full so that all may become familiar with its provisions. The law is as follows:

Section 1. It is hereby provided that any animal of an unknown owner unlawfully running at large or lawfully running at large and trespassing within a legal enclosure is an estray and may be taken up by any householder; provided however, that no estray, unless unlawfully running at large, shall be taken up in the months of April, May, June, July, August, September, October and November, except that vicious or breachy animals may be taken up in any month.

Sec. 2. All persons taking up an estray shall immediately state under oath before the nearest justice of the peace where and when said stray animal was taken up and if damages are claimed said justice of the peace shall proceed at once to ascertain the damage by appointing two resident freeholders who shall within 5 days assess the damages and make due returns to the justice of the peace.

Sec. 3. Any person taking up an estray shall at once use all agencies of communication within his power, exercising due diligence in an attempt to ascertain the owner of the same, and if no owner is discovered within 10 days after taking up such animal, he shall make full and complete proof before such justice of the peace, showing due diligence in ascertaining the owner of such animal, and such evidence must be made and kept complete upon the records of the justice of the peace, showing each and every effort made by the taker-up of said estray, and when satisfactory proof of due diligence in attempting to find the real owner is proven to the satisfaction of the justice of the peace by affidavit and made of record in the public records of such magistrate, the justice of the peace may order notice of sale of such estray to be given by publication and such notice shall be the beginning of an action against such unknown owner.

Sec. 4. If no owner is found within

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## C. O. I. CO. GIVE THEIR SIDE CASE

Write Desert Land Board Regarding U. S. Report on Project

GOES INTO DETAILS ON EXPENDITURES

Says That Price Offered for the Project Is Too Low—Company Not Asking for More Than Is Equitable They Say

Following is a copy of the letter written by the Central Oregon Irrigation Co. to the Desert Land Board regarding the report made by the U. S. Reclamation engineers in the matter of the state and federal government taking over the North Canal project:

Desert Land Board, Salem, Or.

Dear Sirs: We have the report of the U. S. Reclamation engineers on the North Canal lands.

We offered the state or the government or both about 35,000 acres of our project under the North Canal for \$300,000. We were to complete certain concrete lining at a cost which would make the amount to be received by us about \$250,000.

The offer was contingent on those who completed the system delivering through the North Canal 306 cubic feet of water to the Pilot Butte Canal, a distance of about one and a half miles from the intake, 114 cubic feet to the Powell Butte Canal, a distance of about 18 miles from the intake, and also water for 2200 acres of land lying under the North Canal system, which had been entered.

Our offer was made in response to a desire of the Land Board and of the citizens of Central Oregon that the lands be developed more rapidly than our means had permitted. We made what we consider a low offer, one less than our cost by about \$175,000, and one in which we sacrificed the chance of recouping past losses; but one which would permit us to pay the balance due on the works turned over and which would also enable us to complete other portions of the system.

We entered into the negotiations after preliminary conversations with the examining engineers; and while no policy as to price fixing was agreed upon both before and during the examination the following ideas were developed:

That a fair price should be found and that personal desire to get a lower price would have no bearing in the matter. That in viewing the project, as to our proposition of making the deliveries mentioned, it should be treated as a whole. In other words, there are about 95,000 irrigable acres in the whole project. 35-

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## WIFE OF MURDERED MAN UNDER ARREST

WOMAN DEMANDED A HEARING AT ONCE

Mrs. A. G. Scroggins in Jail at Prineville Charged With Instigating Killing of Husband

Mrs. A. G. Scroggins, wife of the Paulina mail contractor who was killed two weeks ago by Henry L. McDowell, was arrested and locked up in the county jail at Prineville last week Wednesday by Sheriff Elkins, who had just returned from the scene of the killing, where he had been collecting evidence.

Mrs. Scroggins is charged jointly with McDowell with first degree murder, the charge being brought by the sheriff, who is positive that he has evidence, which he will not disclose, that will convict the pair. In fact, it is intimated by the officers that the wife of the murdered man was the real instigator of the deed, and that she is addicted to the use of drugs. It is said that Mrs. Scroggins demanded a hearing at once, but as the Circuit Court does not convene until early in September, this may be denied her. Prominent citizens of Prineville, who were business associates of Scroggins, are assisting in the prosecution.

Wide-awake people save money by reading the ads in this paper. Watch them for bargains.

## GOVERNOR MAY CALL AN EXTRA SESSION

TO TAKE ACTION IN C. O. I. CO. IRRIGATION PROJECT

State Desert Land Board Favors Issuing Patents to Land But Engineer Refuses

Governor West at the last meeting of the State Desert Land Board announced that he probably would convene the Legislature in extraordinary session December 1 to provide a plan for completing various Carey Act irrigation projects. He said that the \$450,000 appropriated by the last Legislature could be used as a revolving fund for finishing the other projects.

The governor's plan is to use the \$450,000 appropriated by the state for the Tumalo Project as a revolving fund for completing the contracts which have been violated, after they have been forfeited to the state. The contracts have been dragging along for years, it seems impossible for the promoters to secure further funds to complete their work, and the governor says he is determined to do something for the settlers, declaring that the state has a moral obligation at stake.

A cat has nine lives! An advertisement is more fortunate as it has several hundred, or several thousand. In fact, it has so many that it never really dies.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB INDORSES GOV. WEST

APPROVES OF HIS ACTION TO RELIEVE SETTLERS

Organization Here Will Assist Him in Carrying Out His Irrigation Measures

At the Commercial Club luncheon Monday noon the matter of Governor West's proposition to have the state and federal government take over the North Canal project for completion was taken up and discussed, as was also the governor's attitude in regard to calling a special session of the Legislature for December to take some action for relief of settlers on irrigated lands. The sense of the club members was that the governor's stand in the above matters be commended, and President W. S. Rodman appointed Guy E. Dobson and J. R. Roberts a committee to write Governor West and inform him that the club was heartily in accord with him in his efforts to secure the completion of the North Canal, and to better conditions of settlers living on irrigated lands in this county.

"I see in the paper" is the way many conversations begin. If your advertisement were there it would be seen, too.

The merchants who advertise here the finest stores.