the Salem Mercury. He was a prominent character in the early history of Crook County, and was a colonel in the state militia in the Indian war of 1878. He now resides at Portland, Ore.

Some thirty years ago the first settlements were made along McKay Creek. Among these settlers were David Tempelton, Calvin Pott, B. F. Allen, J. A. Golliff, George Milligan, John Latta, Daniel Hole, Joel Long, James Mackey and Andrew Lytle. William Foster, who came from Benton County, was also one of the early settlers of this region. He became a wealthy stockman, and was known as Crook County's cattle king. He accidentally drowned in Crooked river, in May, 1890.

The Crooked River Valley was settled first in the latter part of the sixties. Among the first to locate there were John Powell, who took up a claim immediately north of Prineville, and Abe Hentle, who settled on what is now known as the A. J. Tetherow place.

Breyman, of the first named firm, formerly resided on Bridge Creek, and had served a term as assessor of Wasco County before moving to Prineville. Heiser sold his interest in the store to John Somnerville, and the well known partnership of Breyman & Somnerville was formed. The firm also engaged in the cattle business, and took in R. R. Lacey as a third partner. In the course of a few years they amassed a large fortune. In 1881 they disposed of their store to Levi Fried and Moses Sichel, and in 1882 sold their cattle to A. H. Johnson, of Portland, for $72,000. The store building of Hodeck & Wilson and its contents were destroyed by fire, and the firm never resumed business.

The first brick building was erected in Prineville by J. M. Powell & Co., about 1879, and was used as a general merchandise store. Powell & Co. sold out their interests to John & Fred in 1882, who conducted a mercantile business for 10 or 12 years. This firm invested in sheep and land and accumulated a large amount of money. They secured title to several thousand acres of fine meadow lands in Summit Prairie, upon which they range almost 20,000 head of sheep every summer.

The mercantile firm of L. Senders & Co. was established in 1882, and was an extensive concern until they went out of business in 1888. Moses Sichel began business in Prineville in 1882, and was a successful merchant for 10 or 12 years. The Prineville flouring mill was built by James Allen in 1874, and was sold by him to Breyman & Somnerville, who afterwards disposed of it to D. F. Stewart and Charles Pett, the former being one of the present owners.

The second hotel in Prineville was erected by Oliver P. Jackson in 1876, and was conducted by him until about 1889, when the management passed into the hands of A. R. Kubler.

Two enterprising young men came to Crook County in 1875, who have since been very prominent in the upbuilding of the country. They are T. M. Baldwin, who hailed from Linn County, and J. W. Howard, a son of "scooterdom." Baldwin was bookkeeper for Breyman & Somnerville until they went out of business in 1881. In partnership with Howard, he then opened a drug store, in which business they were engaged until 1887.

Prineville was incorporated in December, 1888. The first town officers were: Mayor, Eliza Barnes; recorder, S. J. Newsom; marshal, Richard Philiber; treasurer, A. H. Breyman; town attorney, George Nosland.

In the fall of 1890 John E. Jeffery began the publication of the Ochoco Pioneer. This was the first newspaper published in Prineville. It was a news sheet, and was a successful venture until Jeffery, who was an inveterate drinker, became so largely involved in debt that he was compelled to suspend publication.

Prineville was without a newspaper for almost a year, until Horace Billard started the Prineville News. After publishing this paper some time, Billard formed a partnership with D. W. Aldridge, and the News was published by them for several years.

Crook County was created out of the southern portion of Wasco County, by an act of the legislature in the fall of 1882. The bill for the act to create the county was introduced by Hon. B. F. Nichols, then a representative from Wasco County. The area of the new county was about 900 square miles, and it contained a population of about 2,500. Prineville was made the temporary county seat. Governor Moody appointed the following as the first officers of the county: County judge, S. G. Thompson; county clerk, S. T. Richardson; sheriff, George H. Churchill; commissioners, B. F. Allen and C. M. Cartwright; assessor, S. J. Newsom; school superintendent, H. A. Billard; treasurer, G. A. Winckler, and coroner, Richard Graham. S. J. Newsom made the first assessment of Crook County Journals Annual Number.