

pure and clear as crystal and suitable for any purpose.

The company owns about 4,000 acres of land that can be obtained at reasonable prices, and there are 20,000 acres more just as good, adjacent to the ditch open for settlement. Before another season closes there will be ample water to supply the entire territory.

The soil will produce all kinds of hay, and, in fact, anything that will grow in this section of country. Red clover and alfalfa are especially adapted to this section.

There is timber in abundance close at hand for building and fencing purposes, and all in all, there is no better place in Crook in all, there is no better place in Crook county for the homeseeker to settle.

For information concerning the Three Sisters Irrigation Co., address M. E. Brink, secretary, Prineville, Oregon.

**WURZWEILER & THOMSON.**

This is pre-eminently Eastern Oregon's big store. This firm carries the largest stock and enjoys the most extensive trade of any one house outside of Portland. While it is not a "department store," anything from a cambric needle to a threshing machine can be bought here. A half dozen ordinary country stores could be fully supplied without perceptibly diminishing their stock.

This firm succeeded the well-known firm of M. Sichel & Co. in 1897, and is now composed of Will Wurzweiler, Arthur Hodges, and Alex. Thomson, all of whom are thorough and reliable business men.

In conducting a general store 100 miles from railroad communication the merchant is compelled to lay in a stock of goods in the Fall sufficient to supply the trade until the roads are in condition for freighting in the spring, and is thus enabled to use his capital but once in the year. During the autumn months the farmer and stock-raiser from the remote sections of the county purchases his year's supplies. He does not come to town in his buggy and buy a yard of calico and \$1.00 worth of sugar, but he comes with a four or six horse team and two wagons and buys from \$200 to \$1,500 worth of goods, wares, and supplies for his year's consumption. He frequently takes home more sugar and case goods than the Willamette valley retailer keeps in stock.

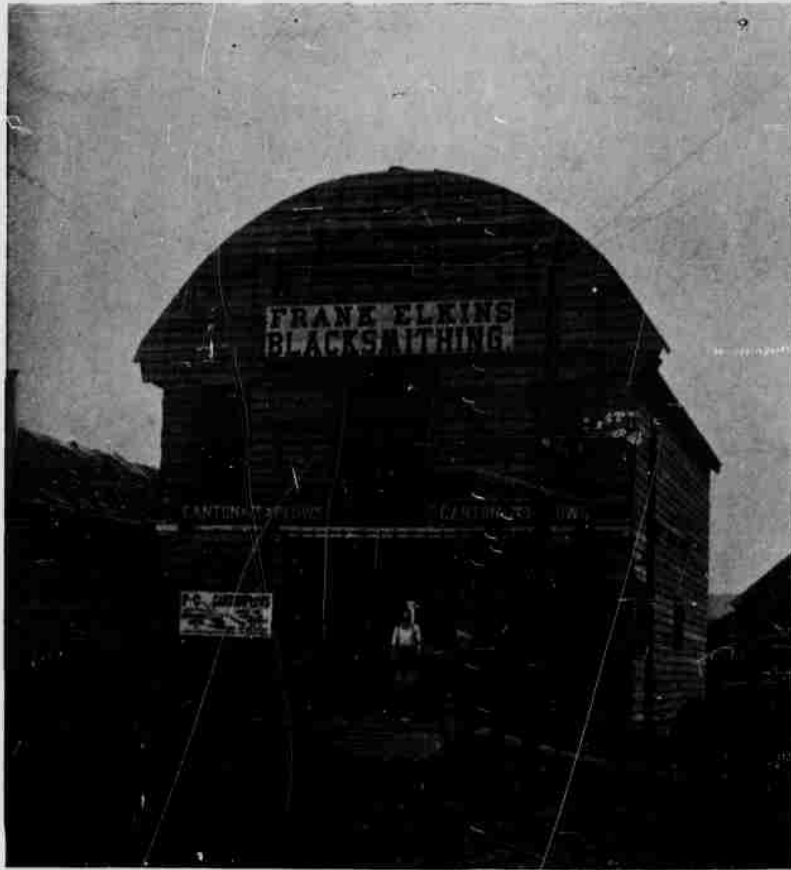
These sales are daily with this large firm during the fall and early winter months, and throughout the year they sell more dry goods than all the other stores in Crook county combined. The business of this house is not confined to selling goods. They must see that the farmer and stock-raiser has plenty of money to pay his employes and herders; that the hay crop is cared for; that the expenses of the lambing season are met; that the wool is shorn and hauled from 60 to 150 miles to market. This firm frequently advances from \$20,000 to \$40,000 cash, per annum, to its many customers to enable them to market their products. This is a part of the business and is always willingly done.

Visitors are always astonished at the magnitude of the business transacted on 5000 feet of floor space. A firm doing a business of a \$100,000 per annum in a town of 800 inhabitants is perhaps not duplicated in the United States.

The enviable commercial standing of this firm was not won without opposition of rival firms, and is the result of courteous and honorable treatment and a constant study to please its customers. The future success of this house is assured.

**CROOK'S HEAVY TAXPAYERS.**

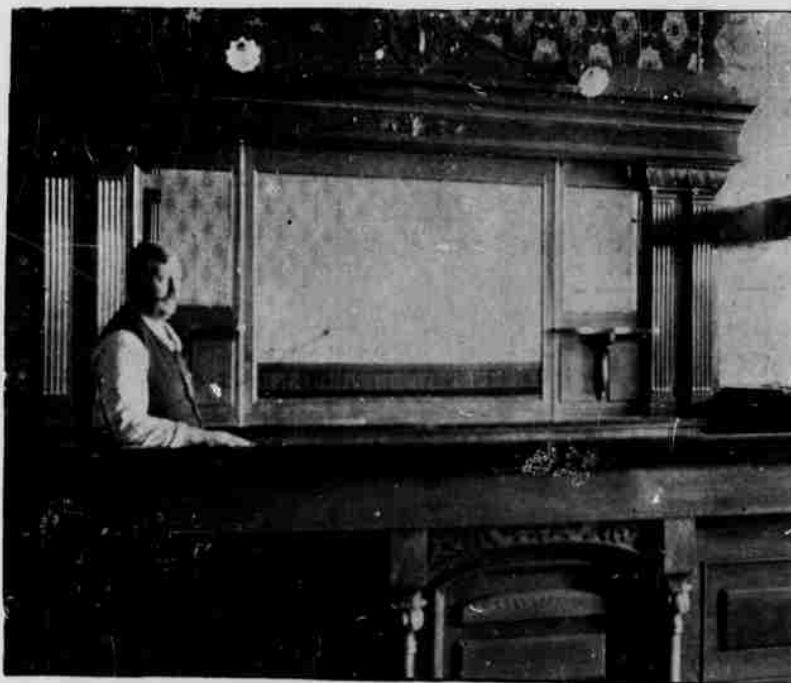
The following is a list of the heaviest taxpayers of Crook County, together with the amount of their individual assessment for 1900:



**ED. N. WHITE.**

One of the most popular resorts in Prineville is Ed. N. White's place, first door south of the Poindexter hotel, where he is located in his new building with new bar and fresh goods. Mr. White carries the very best lines in the saloon trade, and his honesty and fair-dealing is a bar to fault finding and dissatisfaction. In addition to being a most popular caterer to the public taste,

Allen & Lafollett .....	\$ 6,248
B. F. Allen .....	34,675
Chas. Altschul .....	306,866
A. T. Bliss .....	8,320
T. M. Baldwin .....	11,895
W. W. Brown .....	17,240
Chas. Barnard .....	7,860
L. V. Bailey .....	4,775
Phil Brogan, Jr. ....	5,000
E. G. Bolter .....	5,997
Phil Brogan, Sr. ....	7,103



INTERIOR OF ED. N. WHITE'S SALOON.

he is one of Prineville's most solid and enterprising citizens. He came to Crook county from Lane county in 1855 and has been in the saloon business ever since.

Mr. White was County Treasurer of Crook county two terms from 1890 to 1894, and has been a member of the city council for five years. He is unmarried, but contributes liberally to charity and benevolent objects.

B. S. & L. Co. ....	83,361
H. A. Cleek .....	8,960
B. Cram .....	8,224
J. P. Combs .....	10,400
M. Christinana .....	4,345
Circle & Congleton .....	9,754
Cartwright & Shearer .....	11,494
E. Davis .....	4,400
John Davine .....	10,315
C. M. Elkins .....	4,865