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OUR BUILDING BOOM

What Has Been Done the Past Year.

Steady Growth Assured.

Present Prosperous Conditions Will Continue in The Future.

The past year has been one of unequalled building activity in the history of Prineville. More buildings have been erected than for five years before and the building fever continues unabated. There has been a marked change in the style and quality of the buildings, in that those erected during the past year have been of a substantial character and the architectural designs have been of the latest models. It has only been during the very recent years that residences have been built that looked as if the builders had any intention of staying here more than for a year or two at most, and for that reason the town was not a very inviting place in appearance, but all this is changed and the people believe in the future growth and stability of the town and surrounding country. No matter what changes may be wrought in the county there will always be a good town at this point for the simple reason that it has a natural water level as it were, that drains the surrounding country into the town, and for this reason will be a trade center for all time to come. With the coming years conditions will change, but a little energy and effort expended in the right channels will keep the balance of power as well trade with our town, notwithstanding the fact there will be numerous competitors spring up in many parts of the county with the incoming of railroads. With a good High school established here there will be a nucleus to build to that will be hard to overcome and will be the greatest drawing card for a population of substantial citizens. Intending immigrants to any country first look to church and school privileges and these sections where such privileges are the best are the ones most favored by progressive and well to do settlers. The days when the wild and woolly west was a byword for the world at large, have gone never to return and the sooner the people of the west realize this change the sooner will they reap the harvest that is now ready for the sickle. There is no use in fighting the inevitable, it will come for all we may do to prevent it and if we expend our energies in fighting we will be exhausted and unable to partake of that which is spread for us when it does come. The mighty ranges will be torn asunder by the plow of the thrifty eastern farmer and the water that is now going to waste will be brought out upon the arid lands and they will bring forth fruit after their kind and the sooner this fact is accepted the sooner will increased prosperity reward the diligent seeker after it.

For twenty years the various governors of Alaska have urged upon Congress the necessity of providing means for acquiring title to lands in that territory, and without result. Governor Brady takes up the matter in his annual report this year with vigor and presents in a forcible manner the great importance of prompt action. A reading of the act of 1898, extending the homestead laws to Alaska would suggest to a stranger that it contains a fair provision for the encouraging of immigration to Alaska—but Governor Brady says that when inquiry is made into the practical working of the law, the public can very readily understand why the material interests of that country groan because of the lack of a proper Congressional action. No homestead entry has been allowed for the reason that the homestead laws of the United States apply only to "lands which have been surveyed"—and not an acre in Alaska has been marked out for settlement—nowhere has there been a base line established or a prime meridian. But this will be soon remedied. This session of congress will undoubtedly pass a proper Alaskan bill. The business should by this time be understood.—Telegram.

A. D. Lowery was down from his ranch in the vicinity of Howard Monday and reports stock doing well up there and that the Camp of Modern Woodmen is flourishing.

Wm. Boegli, dwelling.
Mrs. G. W. Glenn, dwelling.
A. H. Lippman, two dwellings.
Dr. Rosenberg, dwelling.
George Noble, dwelling.
W. R. McFarland, dwelling.
E. H. Sparks, dwelling.
Fred Powell, dwelling.
B. F. Allen, improvement dwelling.
W. McVey, dwelling.
Geogry, dwelling.
R. G. Smith, dwelling.
Taylor Hill, improvements.
H. P. Belknap, hall and store building.
Elkins & King, extension to warehouse.
J. S. Kelly, photo gallery and residence.
Mrs. King, residence.
J. H. Wigle, residence.
Bonney, restaurant.
P. B. Doak, butcher shop.
C. E. McDowell, improvements in hotel.
Dr. Belknap, office.
S. W. Yancey, improvements in dwelling.
E. H. Smith, harness shop and dwelling.
Mrs. Slayton, dwelling and millinery store.
Cyrus Brothers, jewelry store.
Mrs. Wiegand, photo gallery.
L. Comini, restaurant.
J. F. Morris, warehouse.
Wm. Wigle, residence.
P. B. Poindexter, dwelling and barn.
M. H. Bell, residence.
Oscar Hyde, residence.
C. L. Salomon, improvements on store.
M. E. Parsonage.
Spencer Lyons, dwelling.
W. A. Bell, improvements to residence.
H. J. Lister, improvements to residence.
R. P. Harrington, dwelling.
Wm. Combs, dwelling.

Lands in Alaska.

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COUNTY DIVISION.

Mass Meeting Held at the Courthouse

Will Not Go By Default

Enthusiastic Gathering of Representative Citizens of the County.

Last Friday evening a preliminary meeting of citizens was held in the County Court room and arrangements made for a mass meeting Monday night. Pursuant to call a large number of representative citizens of the town and county were present and the matter of the new county that it is proposed to have struck off from portions of Crook and Wasco counties was taken up and discussed thoroughly. It was the general consensus of opinion that we should not allow this to be done without a struggle. Committees were appointed and a remonstrance is now being circulated and is being generally signed by the tax payers of this county.

Why the people of the proposed new county should desire a change at this time is more than the ordinary individual can conjecture, for there is more property being added to the assessment roll of this county every year and it is now out of debt, and there is every reason to believe that taxes will be materially lowered every year, while if they are struck off into a new county they will have the expense of new county buildings and the added cost of official salaries to pay. Another thing to be considered by those who will be cut off from this county is the fact that Wasco county has a large indebtedness and the new county will be saddled with its proportion of said debts. Now will there be any great gain by getting into a new county under such circumstances? Remonstrances will be circulated in every precinct in this county and should be generally signed in order that a good showing can be made by our people, who will be injured by this move. Statistics will be given later to show where we are the losers. If taxes are high now they will be higher when the new county is set off. No less than ten per cent will be added to the assessment of property in this county and the heavy tax payer will be the largest sufferers. Sign the remonstrance.

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win their many friends in wishing them a long and prosperous life and when they have laid aside their mortal cares and sorrows may they enter into that blessed estate where all is happiness and joy.

Those present were: Rev. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Lafollett, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Prose, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lehman, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Adamson, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wright; Mesdames Susie Slayton, Naomi Salomon, Vada Tethrow; Misses Pearl Vanderpool, Ada Foster, Addie Foster, Nellie Day, Nancy Whitsett, Ora Prose, Mary Salomon, Lizzie Ketchum, Etta Montgomery, Fay Lafollett, Lottie Whitsett, Fern and Floy Slayton; Messrs. Kayler, Wright, Henry and Herbert Whitsett, J. D. Lafollett, Carey Foster, Oscar Prose, W. T. Fogle, Guy Lafollett, Horrigan, Rideout and Herbert Lehman.

Who Can Answer?

A reader of the Examiner asks the question: "By the county court ordering the clerk not to pay any 'coyote warrants,' does it effect the State Legislative act of 1901. If there is a deficiency in the amount set aside for coyote scalp bounty in the treasury, will not the next legislature have to vote a sum for the payment of scalps taken up to the time they repeal the act. I speak of it if they will. Did the Legislature empower county judges to repeal the act?"

The Examiner is not prepared to answer these questions intelligently, but it is supposed that the Legislature will make an appropriation to cover the deficiency, and it is their duty to do so. This is the view taken by County Clerk Manning as published in last week's Examiner, when he said he would issue receipts for all scalps filed with him. The last question we pass up.—Lakeview Examiner.

A Pleasant Event.

Miss Una Stewart enjoyed a pleasant surprise party Tuesday evening at the home of her parents in this city Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Stewart. Quite a number of her friends gathered in her honor, and to bid her adieu as she leaves Friday to resume her studies at Corvallis. The evening was spent very pleasantly by all in games and music and the only expressed regret was that their charming entertainer must leave. Miss Stewart is a very popular young lady, a native of Prineville, and endowed with talents of which her many friends are proud. They all look forward to the day when she shall have finished her course, that she may be able to again take up her abode in our little city, and wield the good influences to which her natural talents entitle her.

Those present were Misses Una Stewart, Pearl, Addie and Maude Vanderpool, Effie Dobbs, Maude Dobbs, Nellie Day, Fay Hodges, Iva Booth, Mary Salomon, Addie and Ada Foster, Lizzie Ketchum, Hazel Howard and Ida Priddy and Messrs. H. J. Palmer, A. O. Mosier, Johnnie Luckey, George Whitsett, Henry Whitsett, Herbert Rideout, Elmer Kayler, George Wright, S. M. Bailey, Orange Hodges and Clarence Black.

New Dressmaking Parlors.

Mrs. Nellie Briggs, late of Portland, Oregon, has opened dressmaking and corset making parlors in the Moon building, and desires a share of the public's patronage. All work guaranteed satisfactory. Give her a call.

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NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Items of Interest Gathered Here and There

Some Stolen, Others Not

Cullings From Our Exchanges—News Notes of the Week—Timely Topics.

The town of Milton, in Umatilla county, proposes to prohibit dancing by imposing a license of \$25 on each dance given in the city.

Rev. Clark informed our reporter that he would be gone to Antelope over Sunday and in consequence would not be able to fill his appointment at Willow creek.

The Ladies Union Auxiliary will give a public reception, for adults only, at the residence of Mrs. C. M. Elkins, New Years day beginning at 1:30 p. m.

A few days ago a crowd of boys assaulted a Chinaman who gathers sloop about Albany and beat him into insensibility. The whole crowd has been bound over to the circuit court.

The Oregon Lumber Company and the Sumpter Valley Railway have paid \$40,000 per year as tithing, into the Mormon church, for the past three years. This is 10 per cent of their annual income.

C. W. Colby was in from his Crooked river ranch the fore part of the week and remained for the meeting of citizens who met at the court house to take steps looking to the preservation of the present county of Crook.

Five Crows, the Umatilla Indian who helped to capture and kill Egan leader of Bannocks in the war of 1878, died near Athena last Sunday. He fell a victim to whiskey. Five Crows got on a drunk in Athena Sunday and froze to death on his way home that night.

Authorities have seized a quantity of liquor sent to Porto Rico for the use of naval officers. If this species of tyranny is common the difficulty experienced by the Navy in securing enough officers may be thus explained.

A Chicago lawyer declared the other day that he had never told a lie in his life, and could not tell one if he tried. It is to be hoped that he has some other income besides that received from his law practice.

In the circuit court at Albany last Tuesday R. W. Harris was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary for stealing a jar of jam. He plead guilty to a charge of larceny from a dwelling and was given the lightest sentence. He is only 19 years old and says he was driven by hunger to commit the theft.

There is a movement on foot to divide the Eighth Judicial District, consisting of the counties of Baker, Union and Wallowa, into two districts. Union and Wallowa will constitute one district and Baker county will constitute a judicial district by itself, if the plan as at present contemplated is carried out.

Lane county has one institution probably the most valuable to it of any single institution in the Willamette valley, the big Booth Kelly saw mills. They are doing an enormous business, a fact appreciated by the people at the depot who see the immense output passing through this city coming down the Lebanon branch from the Wendling road.—Albany Democrat.

When the instructors at Rugby school took a lad to task for his poor penmanship he replied: "Many men of genius have written worse scrawls than I do; it is not worth while to worry about so trivial a fault." Ten years later this lad was an officer in the English army doing service in the Crimean War. An order he copied for transmission was so illegible that it was given incorrectly to the troops, and cost many brave fellows their lives.—Saturday Evening Post.

The American Wool and Cotton Reports says valley Oregon wool is firm in Boston at 20 and 21 cents for Nos. 1 and 2. A small sale of eastern Oregon staple is reported at 18 cents. A recent sale of 30,000 pounds of heavy Oregon clothing wool at 14 1/2 cents is also reported. The general wool market in Boston is very strong and some of the eastern dealers are so bullish that they are already negotiating for next spring's clip. On the other hand the high prices are checking business to some extent and manufacturers are not buying wool as freely as they did.

In the late Thomas Nast's last cartoon, sent to the New York Herald on landing at the tropical post where he served so brief a time, he was prophetic to his fate, though perhaps unconsciously so. He pictured himself as arriving on a red-hot equatorial line, and being greeted by yellow fever, represented as a skeleton Jack-in-the-box, and on the box was written "Yellow Jack will deadhead you;" and the background welcomed were a boa constrictor, an alligator and a volcanic eruption. All this was not diplomatic, but was humorous, but Nast found that Yellow Jack was not joking.

In the city of Cripple Creek the other day thousands of people stood on the streets and cheered the sheriff while he burned \$5000 worth of gambling paraphernalia. The people there determined to take the gambling monster by the throat, and the establishments were raided and the property destroyed. The cheering of the crowd indicated its sentiments. While the gambling fraternity often seem to be the ascendent, the reverse is always shown to be the case when public opinion is fairly expressed. The vice undermines itself. It is such an evil that its baleful influence is eventually so widely felt that many people who have been disposed to close their eyes to its existence realize that it must be eradicated as far as possible.—Baker City Democrat.

The Lewis and Clark Exposition commission for the state of Washington will recommend an appropriation of \$100,000 by the state, and the Legislature will probably appropriate at least that much. With this amount Washington will make a fine showing, and Oregon will have to be active and enterprising to outrank its neighbor on the north. Washington is now considerably ahead of Oregon in population and wealth, but the resources of the two states are pretty equally balanced. Oregon has been less advertised and needs to make greater efforts to bring itself to the world's notice than Washington does. But these states with Idaho and others of the great Northwest can together present an exposition of products that will arouse the admiration and wonder of the rest of the country and the world. It will cost a good deal of money to do this, but it will be money well expended, and Oregon must lead in the procession.—Telegram.