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Crook County And Prineville.

Some Current History By Paul DeLaney In The Portland Journal.

Geographically Crook is the central county of Oregon. Among its resources may be named all that exist in the state. Though its principal industry at present is stockraising and wool growing, farming, mining, and lumbering are numbered among its industries.

In the initial step towards the settling up and development of Central Oregon, Crook county has been made the objective point. With the building of the Columbia Southern Railroad to Shaniko, the tide of immigration began to flow into Crook county and it is probably the best advertised interior county of the state.

Its timber has attracted the people from all over the East, and within the past year hundreds have visited the place on this account and thousands have been made acquainted with its wonderful resources.

It claims the finest timber belt in the state. Thousands of acres of its timber lands have been acquired by people from the outside world and it is only a question of time until this timber will be manufactured into lumber and this will bring a large amount of capital into the county and will result in the early settlement of the unsettled portions of the county.

It is now the most convenient strictly interior county to a railroad and with the early extension of the Columbia Southern to Bend on the Deschutes River the very heart of its great timber belt will be laid bare to the world.

The great rush into Crook county is a demonstration of the need of railroads in interior Oregon and what they will do towards the development of that country. It is said that capital is timid, but it may be said that people are also timid when it comes to entering an unknown field either to seek a home or invest capital. The long dusty roads from the O. R. & N. railroad long stood in the way of the development of Crook county as such conditions are now standing in the way of development of other portions of the state. Men who had been accustomed to riding on palace cars with all the comforts of life at hand would not venture on a rough stage coach or in a private rig over rocky and rutty roads through dust and winds and a parching sun into what seemed a desert waste. A few miles out and many would turn back at the first opportunity.

To these you might speak of the wonders of Central and Southern Oregon, but you could only make them believe that they saw dust, rocks and sagebrush. There are long stretches of this sort of country between the railroads and the interior and but comparatively few who have money to invest or seek permanent homes would venture into such a "desert."

roads would be built outsiders were not slow to act.

An unprecedented rush on the yellow pine forests was made. Men from the East were quick to realize how valuable the timber of Eastern Oregon is destined to become as a finishing material to take the place of the white pine of that country which is practically exhausted.

Then they saw the thousands of acres of level plain that only needed water to make them produce. They saw the great volume of water going to waste down the Deschutes and other streams in the county. They saw the reservoir sites in the mountains and foothills of the county where a sufficient amount of water could be stored and utilized to reclaim every inch of the rich soil that lies in the plains below.

They remember the East where "elbow room" is scarce, where men are crowded down to narrow areas of ground for homes and where the soil is worn and taxed until a bare existence is only obtainable. There, a horde of intelligent, industrious husbandmen suffering for room, for better lands and wider opportunities. Here mother earth only needs the water diverted from going to waste and turned upon the rich plains, and the hand of the husbandman to build homes for the thousands.

When once assured men and capital are no longer timid. The opportunities in Crook county are being taken advantage of at a rapid rate. A new era is dawning there. Large companies are being formed, two gigantic irrigation enterprises have been organized under which nearly a half million acres of land will be reclaimed, and these are being and will be offered to homeseekers at moderate prices.

The plans for irrigating this vast area are from the Deschutes River. Flumes are being made and ditches dug so rapidly as the work can be advanced. The fall of the Deschutes and the uniformity of the level plain to be irrigated makes it a simple matter, so far as the work of the engineer is concerned. The water will also be abundant to supply the entire area to be reclaimed.

Experiments have been made as to what the soil will produce and there can be no speculation or doubt on this point. The work of the settlers along with the experiments of a more scientific order have demonstrated what the soil will do.

Among the cereals wheat, barley, rye, oats, "spels" will grow. Alfalfa and all of the domesticated hay will grow.

All the hardier vegetables will grow. Onions, beets, cabbage, lettuce, carrots, parsnips, turnips and sugar beets are raised successfully.

Sunflowers, clover, timothy, red top and other grasses thrive.

Fruits, including apples, prunes, currants, gooseberries and strawberries are successfully grown.

So far as experiments show about everything will grow on the territory being reclaimed that the average homeseeker could desire and as to quantity and quality the record in this county is far above the average.

Besides the results expected from the manufacture of Crook County timber into lumber and the reclaiming of her thousands of acres of arid lands her resources from present industries are large. She is one of the greatest wool producing counties in the state. She is one of the greatest cattle counties in the state. She sends out her horses to all the markets of the country and in the production of fine bred sheep she leads the state. She has the largest exclusive ranch for breeding thoroughbred

sheep in the world. The Baldwin Sheep & Land Company of this county has spent thousands of dollars experimenting in fine breeds and has found that the climate is adapted to all kinds.

Thoroughbreds from Germany, France and other points in Europe have been introduced here and instead of retrograding they have been improved upon. These breeds are being bought over the state where owners are improving their breeds and the Eastern states are even coming to Crook County and to Oregon for their stock sheep.

Crook County contains one of the richest mining districts in the state. The Ashwood district is turning out quartz that is yielding results that sound fabulous. Large profits are made by mining the ore and hauling it by wagon and team many miles and then shipping it by railroad to a smelter. It is the purpose to put in stamping mills at Ashwood as soon as they can be built and this will then become an important mining town.

Placer mines have been worked for a number of years at the head of the Ochoco River with paying results and there are valuable quartz ledges here as at many other points in the county.

Crook County is noted for its scenery and points of interest. The Deschutes River, which rises in the heart of the Three Sisters, is a continuous fall over ragged rocks and through picturesque canyons from its source to its mouth. It passes the famous lava butte, an extent volcanic crater, from which point thousands of acres of lava lie out under the vision, having the appearance of going through the cooling process.

Eagle pillar far out in the mid-stream, where Crooked River dashes through the walls from the plateau above, stands several hundred feet above the roaring torrent of uniform diameter from head to foot though the waters of the Deschutes have worn against it for ages.

So isolated and so weird is the place that an eagle makes her home on its summit far away from the approach of the hunter and beyond the range of his rifle.

Steins' pillar, 18 miles from Prineville, up a tributary to the Ochoco, is 350 feet tall and stands like a vast piece of sculpture work of uniform diameter from top to bottom.

The famous ice cavern, the father of caves, horse cove, the wind cove, all are objects of interest to the student of science and those interested in nature's greatest freaks.

Mountains, peaks and valleys spread out in every direction like a picture and when railroads are completed into this country tourists and sight-seers from all over the world will visit the place.

Crook County has 27,978 acres of tillable land and over 5,553,000 classed as non-tillable. She has about 15,000 horses and mules, 35,000 cattle and 250,000 head of sheep.

She is entirely out of debt and pays her warrants upon presentation. The Crook County officers are: M. R. Biggs, County Judge; J. J. Smith, Clerk; C. Sam Smith, Sheriff; William Beegli, County School Superintendent; C. H. Graves, County Surveyor; M. H. Bell, Treasurer; R. F. Johnson, Assessor; J. H. Crooks, Coroner; and H. J. Healey and M. D. Powell, County Commissioners.

Crook County has 47 school districts. There are 39 school buildings in the county. School

THE COUNTY NEWS.

Our Correspondents Are Punctual.

News From All Quarters.

The Journal Has the Best Correspondents Of Any Paper In Interior Oregon.

Post Items.

Bake Knox has commenced cutting his second crop of alfalfa.

John Knox has returned home after an absence of several weeks.

Mr. Goodman, of Mitchell, was making calls on Newsome creek recently.

I. E. Wimer has finished stacking his large crop of grain, and is ready for the threshers.

Geo. Wiley, Tom Long and party have recently returned from a hunting and fishing trip to the head of Deschutes.

We have had a delightful rain in this section of the country, doing much good to the gardens and other growing crops.

The threshing machine of Upper Crooked river has commenced work. The crop of Chas. Roberts being the first on the programme.

Mrs. Johnson and family, of Creswell, spent Sunday at the Knox farm, continuing their journey on Monday to Canyon Prairie to visit with relatives.

Caleb Davis and I. E. Wimer have the finest potato patches in the country, anyone wishing a winter supply of good big potatoes would do well to call on them.

Mr. Henry Beck has his second crop of alfalfa cut, and will soon commence stacking, after which he and family intend returning to Deschutes for an indefinite stay.

Ernest Leech was a Prineville visitor last week.

Charlie Stewart is on Beaver creek visiting with his brother.

Mrs. Geo. Noble, of Beaver creek, visited with her mother, Mrs. J. Stewart last week.

Miss Alma Noble was the guest of her cousin, Miss Maggie Cox, awhile last week.

Charley Henry and Ed Rensley began threshing Wednesday—threshing out Roberts and Nelson's grain.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Luelling and children left Thursday for a few weeks visit with their folks at Portland and Oregon City.

Miss Ethel Morris has been engaged to teach the fall and winter term of school on Buck creek, and will begin teaching September 21.

Johannie Hoffman left a few days ago for Albany to visit his folks, got as far as Prineville and came back. Johannie couldn't leave Bunchgrass.

There was a nice little dance at C. A. Luelling's a few days ago. There was not a very large crowd present but all report a pleasant time.

Haying is practically over with in this section. Although some what below the average, the crop is reported to be better than was expected earlier in the season.

Mrs. H. H. Hawley will close a four month's term of school next week. Mrs. Hawley is an excellent teacher and the directors will be very fortunate if they succeed in securing her services for a fall term of school.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Carson, who have been visiting with their sons at Canyon City and Iree have lately returned, and are visiting their old Walter. They will remain for an indefinite period.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that I have sold my interest in the Crook County Journal to W. C. Black, and that he will collect all bills and pay all indebtedness pertaining to said paper and contract and all advertising contracts. Dated at Prineville, Oregon, the 19th day of August, 1903.

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