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ASSOCIATION IS PERFECTED DEED COMES FOR LAND EX-JUDGE W. C. WILLS DEAD GOOD SHOWING FOR DIXIE

Prineville's Athletic Organization Will Be One of the Best in the State.

For the first time in its history Prineville is to be the home of one of the most complete organizations in Interior Oregon. Broad, liberal, and fraternal will be the characteristics of the Amateur Athletic Association which made its initial bow last Thursday evening in the Belknap hall. The organization was perfected at that time, and this fall some substantial features will be displayed by the society which is destined to be one of the largest in Crook county.

The mayor, a large number of business men, doctors and lawyers, and a goodly representation of the younger generation were present at the meeting Thursday night. Election of officers was the first business disposed of with the following results: Dr. J. H. Rosenberg, president; Harold Baldwin, secretary and treasurer; and a board of trustees consisting of C. M. Elkins, C. Sam Smith and Dr. H. P. Balkamp. All the powers of the club are to be exercised through its board of trustees, whose duty it is to supervise and have the general management of affairs during the interim of the annual meetings.

After the election of officers a committee, consisting of Mayor M. E. Bruk, T. M. Baldwin and J. B. Shipp, was appointed to look up a desirable property for a building site and estimate the cost of constructing a club house. In the neighborhood of \$1500 is to be spent for that purpose, and the best location possible will be secured for the building. The committee will make a final report at the meeting tonight when definite action will be taken. Every effort will be put forward after a decision has been reached regarding construction to complete the building and provide its apparatus and equipments in time for an opening ball on Thanksgiving. Specifications which so far have been outlined for the club building include a gymnasium room, which is to have a hard wood floor and so arranged that it can be used for the club games, a bowling alley, hot and cold bath apartments, card and reading rooms, and a billiard and pool hall.

Perhaps the most unique part of the organization is the Ladies Annex, which is simply the permission, provided for in the constitution, for the women to join the association. They will have their own board of directors, will be subject to their own arrangements, and will have special days during which the entire club house will be at their disposal to the exclusion of all other members. Beyond question this will add greatly to the social side of the organization, and means further that good dances and entertainments will not be lacking.

The association adopted its constitution and by-laws last Thursday evening which are thorough in every respect. Seventy members have signed the charter membership list which will be kept open until this evening. From the present number the secretary has secured \$350 initiation fees, and it is probable that these charter members will advance their first year assessments in order to secure as large a fund as possible for building purposes. In the event of a shortage, bonds bearing 6 per cent interest will in all probability be issued. It is thought that this method, which is in vogue with other large athletic associations throughout the state, will be successful in raising the necessary funds for the equipments and necessary expenses in providing furnishings.

Fair Association Will Make Preparations for Permanent Place to Hold County Exhibits.

The Fair Association has received its deed from the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Wagon Road company for the land which will be converted immediately into a suitable place for county fairs and races.

The deed was received by Will Wurzwiler secretary of the association, last Monday, and is for 80 acres of ground about one mile east of the city adjoining the Foster property. Elsewhere in the column of the Journal will be found a notice for the receiving of sealed bids for the clearing of the land which will be placed in readiness for further work as soon as possible.

The property was purchased from the Road company by the Fair Association for the sum of \$1000 which is generally conceded as being a bargain price for the property. Work will be started at once in preparing the ground for its future use. As soon as cleared trees will be set out, a race course constructed, fences built, and lawns started. It is the intention of the association to make of the property an ideal spot which will find an equal only in the city park's improvements. The county fair next year will in all probability be held on the new grounds.

SHEEP LEAVING RANGES

Thousands of Head in Deschutes Valley Are Being Driven to Various Destinations.

Deschutes river for a distance of forty miles above Deschutes presents a busy appearance at this time of the year with the many thousand sheep which are passing constantly for a period of three weeks or a month during their migration from the Cascade mountain ranges to the different sections of the country where they are usual.

During the past week over 15,000 head of sheep have passed the big Meadows on the Deschutes. Included in this number are the Matole sheep from Antelope, those belonging to Tom Hamilton of Ashwood, Frank Taylor's two bands and the Wurzwiler & Thomson band which will be taken to the Sparks ranch on the Matoles. Several other herds from the Beaver creek district are on their way across the desert.

The past season has seen some early snows on the Cascade mountains. One in August and another about the first of last month being unusually heavy for that time of year. No losses however have been reported. The feed along the Deschutes river is about an average, although this side of Silver Lake it has been eaten down pretty close. Last week there were 13 bands north of that place which were feeding on brush and apparently doing very well.

BALL TEAM MUST HUSTLE

Jockey Club to Put up Cash for Games but Players Must Do Some Lively Practising.

The Jockey Club at its meeting Monday night decided that there should be at least one game of baseball at the race meet. This will be between Prineville and the Haystack teams for the purse of \$50. Another game will be played between the home team and Antelope provided the latter team will come and play for the gate receipts the day of the game.

Now that this course has been decided upon it is up to the members of the Prineville team to get out and do a little bit of practising before the games are called. The team has not been together since it went to Antelope to play last month, and if good playing is to be had during race week plenty of practise will do no harm.

An Old Resident of Crook County Passed Away Wednesday at His Home at Grizzly.

Ex-County Judge W. C. Wills died Wednesday morning at 7 o'clock, at the home of his son Ed Wills, of Grizzly, aged 65 years. Preceding his death was an illness of only a little more than a day, which makes the announcement of his demise a particularly sad one for his many friends and relatives.

Only a week ago the Judge spent a couple of days in the city and while here seemed in his usual health and in more than his usual happy frame of mind.

The deceased has been a resident of Crook county for about 22 years, during which time he has been an important factor in the county's political and business affairs. He has served one term as county judge, and his administration stamped him as a man of marked ability. He also served as a member of the State board of equalization before the abandonment of that organization. During his 22 years residence he has at all times been more or less actively engaged in the cattle business, and to his efforts perhaps more than any other one man was due the betterment of range and stock conditions, and his work along this line will be far reaching.

Before coming to this county the deceased was a resident of Dallas, Polk county, where he was a recognized leading citizen, having served that community for a number of years as the justice of the peace. Shortly after settling in this section he lost his wife by death, and he had made preparations for his burial by her side in the Dallas cemetery. Thursday morning his remains were taken there by relatives, and the burial will be under the auspices of the Masonic Order of which he was an honored member.

Thus it is that Crook's old pioneers pass away. While the deceased had his shortcomings, as do all his virtues were so many that the former sank away in the background, and Judge Wills' death is a matter of universal regret.

He leaves three children to mourn his loss: Mrs. L. H. Hamilton and Ed Wills of Willow Creek, and one other son at Walla Walla.

NEW FIRM TO RAISE CATTLE

Vandevort Brothers and George Hobbs Buy Large Tract of Land at Powell Buttes.

Hand in hand with the big cattle ranch O'Neil Bros. are getting under way at the old Forest ranch, comes another by the Vandevort brothers and George Hobbs at Powell Buttes. The first of the week 840 acres of land owned by J. N. Gulliford went into the possession of the new firm and this together with the land already held by the Vandevort's and the acreage leased from the road company raises their holdings to 1500 acres.

Aside from sowing some 300 acres of land in wheat and rye this fall, but little work will be done. It is the intention, however, to put about 100 head of cattle, owned by Walter and Dick Vandevort, on the ranch early in the spring, and then raise a sufficient quantity of hay to feed a larger herd of outside cattle during the winter months. A larger acreage of wheat and rye would be sown this year if it were not for the scarcity and high price of both grains.

With the negotiations going on now the ranch in the near future will be increased some 400 acres. George Hobbs, who has been overseeing Dick Vandevort's ranch at the Meadows, will take charge of the property at Powell Buttes. B. F. Allen of this city will retain a half interest he has held for several years in the property sold by J. N. Gulliford to Vandevort Brothers.

Mine in Which Crook County Persons Are Interested Is Showing Up Good Ore Bodies.

The vein of ore which was recently struck in the Dixie Meadows mine has proved to be of greater dimensions than was at first supposed. The Miner of Prairie City quotes Mr. Charles Thomas, of the Fairbanks-Morse Company which is installing a new mill on this property, as follows:

It was thought that the vein at the No. 2 level was fifty feet wide, but when it was found that what appeared to be the foot wall averaged \$8.50, it was of course concluded that the vein had not been cross-cut. Its width is not known, but is beyond fifty feet.

Work is now going on at a raise connecting No. 2 with the No. 1 level. Seventy-five feet of the distance has been traversed, and there is another seventy-five feet before the raise is completed. From the No. 1 level a raise was put in thirty feet which is in ore averaging \$30 to the ton. At the point on the No. 2 level where the vein is being cross-cut, 350 feet of backs will be provided.

The main object of the company now is to provide stoping ground to supply the new mill, and it is thought that the mill capacity of 100 tons can easily be mined in twenty-four hours.

The company is rapidly installing the machinery for the new mill and it is the present intention to have the plant in operation by the middle of October. Four ore cars have been ordered, which will carry the ore from the mine, a distance of 2,500 feet, to the mill, on the tramway. The cars are of one ton capacity. Mule power will be used. An electric lighting plant is to be installed, and all other machinery necessary for carrying on the work. The Dixie Meadows is making an exceptionally good showing.

DESCHUTES TOWN GROWING

Townsite of Lytle Has Many New Buildings and Real Estate Is Finding a Ready Market.

Reports have it that the townsite of Lytle, over on the Deschutes river, is showing some rapid advances. Town lots are being sold rapidly, several having been disposed of this week, and eight new buildings are under course of construction.

The townsite, which lies about one mile north of the Deschutes post-office, is the property of the Columbia Southern company, having been bought by the latter from the Reid & Steidl Lumber company. The lumber firm looks after the local interests of the company's property, and already has the largest saw-mill in Crook county on the townsite. It is stated that several other business firms are contemplating the erection of buildings there either this winter or early in the coming spring.

J. L. McCulloch, a real estate man of this city, has recently purchased property in the townsite, and is putting up an office there. He has been handling some of the town lots and says they are meeting a ready market.

Of the three adjoining towns on the Deschutes river—Lytle, Bend, and Deschutes—the former apparently is gaining the prestige, although Deschutes, which is somewhat older and was the first to be platted, has had a very substantial growth. It is probable that in the course of the next few years the three little hamlets will be united under one head.

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