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### CATTLEMEN HOLD MEETING

Elect Officers and Transact a Birth of Business to Further Interests of Association.

If the theories preached by the cattlemen who held their annual meeting last Saturday afternoon are carried into practice, there is not likely to be much trouble over the range question in the future. Judge Biggs, who is president of the association, in his opening address said:

"The cattlemen of this county must band together for the protection of their own mutual interests and the advancement of their business. In the past they have maintained a fair and impartial position in the range controversy, and no complaints that I know of have so far been registered. This judicious course of action which has come through the aid and assistance of the cattlemen's association, must be maintained in the future, and it will be only a question of time before the range proposition has been worked out satisfactorily to all concerned."

Speaking further along the same lines, the president said that the only possible trouble which might be expected in the future would be with foreign cattle and sheep. He continued, "In the event of outside cattlemen and sheepmen sending their herds onto Crook county's range for pasture, all clashes between the different parties must be avoided, but they must abide by the laws and regulations which in a sense of justice and protection to ourselves will be required of everyone." The speaker also urged the cattlemen to watch the papers for a report of the permanent establishment of the Blue Mountain reserve, and as soon as it occurred, to lose no time in sending in the locations which they pick out. In this way the range will not be overcrowded, and disputes will be avoided.

A large part of the afternoon was taken up with a general discussion on the market price of cattle, and various reasons offered as to the cause of the present low quotations. It was generally conceded that the present high price of hay was one of the most potent factors in holding down the price of cattle, but the cattlemen realize that they are "up against it," so to speak, for those holding the hay know that they can get high prices for it by holding. After a thorough airing of this question the members fell to discussing the range situation for next year which is beginning to assume rather large proportions, and a committee was appointed to confer with the sheepmen, composed of the following: Luther Claypool, Beaver Creek; W. J. Schmidt, Summit Prairie; J. H. Kelly, Newsom Creek; J. M. Montgomery, Deschutes; P. Chitwood, Willow Creek.

After the appointment of this committee it was decided to appoint another one having power to call meetings in each district, to solicit members and to make application for range in the reserves. This committee consists of: G. W. Noble, Beaver Creek; Ed Merritt, Summit Prairie; C. C. Hon, Ochoco; W. M. Stanton, Mill Creek; J. H. Gray, Horse Heaven; Ed Ransalls, Newsom Creek; Lee Wight, Crooked River; C. B. Allen, Big Meadows; A. Thomson, Sisters; J. H. Pross, McKay; Leslie Friday, Cross Keys; L. S. Logan, Camp Creek; C. A. Gilchrist, Fife.

The old officers were re-elected for the ensuing year as follows: M. R. Biggs, president; W. C. Clington, vice-president; E. T. Slayton, secretary; J. H. Gray, treasurer.

regarded as an essential to the success of the livestock interests in the northwest. It is probable that the association will be represented at the National Livestock meeting which is to be held in Portland January 10, although no steps were taken last Saturday toward appointing a delegate.

### CROOK CATTLE SELLING

Several Round Ups Being Made Preparatory to Disposition of Stock This Fall.

Notwithstanding the prevailing low prices being paid for stock cattle, several cattlemen in the county are getting together small herds with the expectation of making a sale of them before winter sets in.

J. M. Montgomery on the Deschutes is gathering up about 100 head. Eighty steers will be rounded up this week and the remaining twenty will be put in with the herd as soon as they can be brought down from their ranges. Mr. Montgomery stated while in town this week that he had made arrangements with the Northwest Meat company of Portland to sell the cattle to their representative who expected to be here the last of the week. No price had been agreed upon so he was not able to say definitely just what sum would be paid for them. He is in a position to hold over, however, and feed this winter unless a satisfactory price is named him. Mr. Montgomery will feed said from those he sells about 150 head. Part of those will be wintered at his ranch on Crooked river and the balance on the Deschutes.

W. M. Quinn, the Willow Creek cattleman, is also gathering up about 50 head, most of them two and three-year-olds. Mr. Quinn takes much the same position as Mr. Montgomery in the matter of selling, and stated this week that the pasture was good in his section of the country and unless his heaves commanded a reasonable price he would hold over during the winter.

W. H. Cadle is another cattleman who has gathered up quite a large bunch of heaves, but not, however, with the intention of selling them.

Mr. Cadle has about 250 head in his pastures on the Ochoco but will make no effort to dispose of them until spring unless a buyer presents himself and offers substantial prices.

### CONTRACT HAS BEEN LET

Work Will Begin Immediately to Clear the Land on the Fair Association's Grounds.

The contract for clearing 50 acres of ground, to be used by the Central Oregon Fair and Livestock association as a race track and fair grounds, was let last week to Watkins & Crain of Johnson creek. The bid was for \$4 per acre which was the lowest submitted.

Work is to start immediately and it is expected the entire tract will be cleared by the first of January. Construction work will then begin on the fences and race track, and the grounds gradually put into shape during the summer so they will be in readiness in the fall for the races and county exhibit.

The grounds contain 80 acres, but only 50 of the amount are to be cleared this fall. The balance will be cleared as the space is needed, but considerable of it will be covered with the grand stand, barns and other buildings which it is the intention of the association to build as soon as possible.

### FIRST DAIRY IN COUNTY

W. H. Cadle Is Building Plant on the Ochoco for the Production of Butter and Cheese.

For the first time in its history, Crook county is to have a dairy and cheese factory. This is a matter of news which will interest every resident of this county who has experienced the inconvenience of going without butter for weeks at a time.

W. H. Cadle, who has been running a separator at his ranch on the upper Ochoco for some time past, is making preparations for extensive additions to his plant and stated this week that his output next spring would be 250 pounds of butter a week besides a large amount of cheese. The plant at present is turning out about 90 pounds a week, but no cheese is being manufactured.

The Interior Oregon field for an enterprise of this kind presents such good features that Mr. Cadle will begin operations on a large scale and increase his facilities for handling a larger output as rapidly as possible. New buildings are being erected on his place, and boilers and vats and other necessary machinery have been ordered so that the plant can be placed in operation early in the spring. Mr. Cadle stated that he believed he could dispose of 500 pounds a week without any trouble and would probably produce that much inside of a year.

At present he has about 250 head of stock cattle and only a few milk cows, and is dependent in part upon outsiders for his supply of cream. He intends, however, to dispose of all of his stock cattle and then purchase in the neighborhood of 100 milk cows in the Willamette Valley. These he will keep on his Ochoco ranch to furnish his supply of milk.

### CONGRESSMAN WAS HERE

Representative J. N. Williamson Pays Prineville a Two Days Visit This Week.

Congressman J. N. Williamson was in the city Monday and Tuesday of this week shaking hands with friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Williamson's stay was brief and he had but little time to talk of political and national affairs. He expressed himself as pleased with the seeming prosperity which was general in all lines of industry throughout Central Oregon.

Mr. Williamson left Tuesday for The Dalles and will go from there to Washington. He expects to spend the entire summer next year in the vicinity of Prineville.

### GRAIN RECORD FOR 1903

Crook County Grain Producers Threshed 131,440 Bushels During the Past Season.

According to reports coming in from the different threshing outfits which have just completed their work throughout the county, the yield of wheat in this county is considerably smaller than it has been for several years. The Journal is preparing an itemized list of the amount of wheat, rye, oats and barley which have been threshed this season and will publish the report in full about the first of November.

The figures at hand show only the gross yield of all the cereals, which amount to 131,440 bushels. These figures have been taken from the accounts of those threshers whom The Journal asked to furnish a report and it is thought that practically all of the grain threshed in the county has been accounted for.

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threshed 21,440 bushels in the Beaver Creek and Upper Ochoco districts. Their output was something over 3000 bushels short of that of last year. They stated, however, that the crops were good, the yields on an average, but the acreage smaller owing to the fact that a large amount of grain land had been put into hay.

The output of the Rodman & Hoffman thresher amounted to 50,000 bushels, their operations being confined to the Haystack, McKay and Lower Ochoco districts. Rodman & Stroud threshed in the Lower Ochoco and the Haystack country, and their output amounted to 50,000 bushels. J. C. Rush threshed about 10,000 bushels but confined his work to his own crops and those of a few of the neighboring ranchers.

It is asserted by all of those who have been threshing this year that the yields are smaller, owing to the fact that hay has displaced a great deal of the grain. As a result the output of all the grains is below that of last year, although crops have been good and the yield per acre up to the average.

### WEEK'S COURT PROCEEDINGS

Record of the Cases Disposed of During First Three Days of the Present Term.

Circuit court convened Monday forenoon with Judge Bradshaw presiding. The following officers were in attendance: J. J. Smith, clerk; C. Sam Smith, sheriff; Frank Menefee, district attorney; W. A. Bell, deputy district attorney; Joe Henkle and M. H. Bell, bailiffs. Up to the time of going to press the following cases had been disposed of:

974—First National Bank of Prineville, Oregon vs Virgil McGonigill; recovery of money. Continued.

1039—Dan Evans and Thos. S. Evans vs J. F. Hubbard; titles to mining claims. Referred to D. S. Dufur to take testimony.

1061—W. H. Muncey vs S. M. W. Hindman and F. E. Hindman; recovery of money. Default and decree.

1065—Josie Allison vs R. E. Allison; divorce. Default and decree.

1066—Spencer H. Lyons vs Dora A. Lyons; divorce. Decree granted.

1069—Margaret Collins vs Wm. Collins; divorce. Default and decree.

1074—William M. Davis vs Iva E. Davis; divorce. Dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

1075—R. P. Long vs Emma L. Long; divorce. Decree granted.

1077—Geo. W. Gibson vs Susan B. Gibson; divorce. Default and decree.

1079—C. C. Hutchinson vs A. M. Drake and Pilot Butte Development Co.; claim of water right. Judgment for plaintiff on demurrer.

1090—Pearl Cook vs Alfred Cook divorce. Decree granted.

1001—E. G. Bolter vs L. J. Doubt; claim to water right. Passed for settlements.

1903—W. T. Casey vs Crook county; review from county court. Passed.

State of Oregon vs Cleveland M. Donkel. Information filed against defendant by district attorney. Plea of not guilty entered.

The Donkel murder case will probably come to trial late this afternoon. Many witnesses have come in from the Deschutes river and much interest centers in the case which will occupy several days.

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