

Crook County Journal.

VOL. VII.

PRINEVILLE, CROOK COUNTY, OREGON, NOVEMBER 26, 1903.

NO. 50

U. of Oregon

WURZWEILER & THOMSON

THE BIG STORE

Interest among the trading people is centered on our place of business because of the LARGE STOCK OF FALL AND WINTER GOODS just received. If there is an article purchasable in Central Oregon, we can duplicate it. OUR PRICES AND QUALITY ARE ALSO RIGHT.

We Have Ladies' Waists, Skirts and Dress Goods In The Latest Styles.

Just now we are very busy and are enjoying an ever increasing patronage. ARE YOU AMONG OUR CUSTOMERS? IF NOT, WHY NOT?

WURZWEILER & THOMSON

Central Oregon, Crook County And Prineville.

RIG DEPOSITS OF COAL

Field Along the John Day River Said to Be an Enormously Rich District.

Slowly but surely Central Oregon is getting before the outside world in more ways than one, and especially is this true of her mineral resources. Just now the coal deposits in the John Day valley seem to be attracting considerable attention, and the reports in the main must be true, for the Spokesman-Review of recent date gives out the following:

It has just leaked out that a discovery of large coal deposits, extending for many miles throughout the John Day district, has been made. As yet only a few know the existence of the coal in this country, and they are rushing to secure the land. Large tracts of land are being leased and many locations are being made.

Reports are that the entire valley of John Day is one mass of coal beds. It is known that experts have been in the country for some time and it is said that coal beds exist for miles up and down the John Day river, along Spanish gulch, in many places up Bear gulch and many other places.

That coal exists in large deposits is thought to be the motive for the forming of a local company, consisting of Frank Foster, P. A. Snyder and the Dexter brothers. The company has obtained a ninety-nine year lease on about six quarter sections of land in the immediate vicinity of John Day. The main body of this land is owned by E. C. Trowbridge and John Silvers, but a few small tracts belong to other residents. It is the intention of the company to sink on the ground at the earliest possible date. Machinery has already been purchased, and work will begin as quickly as the machinery can be brought into the country.

For many miles up and down the John Day river promising croppings have been found, but it is said critical tests by eastern assayers demonstrate the superiority of the deposits found near John Day city. It is all of the species lignite and the quality is pronounced commercial.

The beds lie in sandstone and are capped with slate. They are exposed in a number of different places, some of the croppings being on the high hills. Some of the deposits have been torn from the bottom of the river by the big dredger.

NO TIME FOR CONVENTIONS
Chairmen of County Committees Will Probably Make Nominations for Special Election.

The special election called for the Ninth senatorial district, Crook, Lake, Klamath and Grant counties, to be held on December 16 will not permit the holding of conventions for the nominations. Acceptances will all have to be filed on December 6 and this will leave but little time even for the chairmen of the county central committees to get together and make the nominations which is probably the course to be pursued.

It was thought the first of the week that word would be received from Sam White and L. H. Baker, chairmen of the democratic and republican state central committees regarding the election, but so far nothing has been heard from them and it is evident that they are in as much of a quandary regarding the situation as some of the others.

It is probable, however, that a meeting of the chairmen of the county committees will be called before the last of the week with Prineville as the meeting place.

It seems to be the current opinion at outside points that Crook county is the most difficult of any

of the counties in the district to get word to, but as a matter of fact it is the easiest, and arrangements could be made by wire here in half the time that it would take to notify the other counties of the proceedings.

RAILROAD RUMORS AGAIN

This Time an Electric Line Is to Be Built Between The Dalles and Interior Points.

In spite of the lack of credence given to the various railroad projects abroad in the land, when such a man as J. H. Sberar who is solid to the core and means something when he speaks, begins talking railroad, with The Dalles as terminus, then is when our people prick up their ears and begin to take stock in the enterprise, says The Dalles Chronicle. And that's what he is doing now, having for sometime past been figuring on an electric road from this city up Fifteen Mile creek to Dufur, on to Kingsley and Tygh. It would not stop there, but would go up the Deschutes to the mouth of Bakeoven canyon and then to Antelope. A branch would reach out from there to Prineville, and another up the John Day river through the northern part of Wheeler county and the southern part of Gilliam. Then on to the mining sections of Grant county.

This seems like a big scheme for a man who is not a railroad man to contemplate, but Mr. Sberar knows what he is talking about just what such a road would require in the way of grades etc., and says it's entirely practicable.

But it takes money to build such a line and this he knows full well and has been in correspondence with eastern capital which is ready to invest in railroads of that description. Besides, there is no question but that local capital will be ready to invest in a project which gives unmistakable evidence of being in line with the upbuilding of our city, making it the distributing point for the section through which the road would pass.

Mr. Sberar says there is nothing definite about the road, but it is hoped our people will give the scheme such encouragement and such a boost that it cannot fail to be realized.

CLAIMANTS WANT TO GET IN

Fifty Timber Owners in Moscow, Idaho, and Vicinity Express Willingness to Join Pool.

Articles regarding the pool of timber claims in Lake and Klamath counties, which have been published recently in The Journal have attracted the attention of claimants owning tracts in that district, who reside in Moscow, Idaho, and vicinity and they have written to J. F. Spinning of this city to learn the terms of the agreement, expressing a willingness to place their interests in the pool. The letter in question is from Andrew S. Olson, of Moscow, who writes in the interests of fifty other claimants, and is as follows:

"I have seen in the newspapers that you and some associates are making up a pool of yellow pine claims located in southern Crook, Lake and Klamath counties. I hold a claim in the section referred to, and there are about fifty other claimants in Moscow and vicinity who would like to join the pool. Wish you would kindly send me a copy of your pledge or agreement.

Very truly,
A. S. OLSON.

If the fifty claimants referred to in the above sign the agreement, the total number in the pool, including the Albany people, will approximate 200, and Mr. Spinning expresses himself as satisfied that the number can be raised to 250 by the first of the coming year.

RABBIT FACTORY IS OPENED

Unique Industry at Echo Began Canning and Preserving "Jacks" Last Thursday.

Crook county, with its sage brush fields alive with mule eared jack rabbits, is in a position to appreciate a lesson in the value of utilization to be gleaned from the rabbit factory which began its operations at Echo last Thursday. The institution is probably the only one of its kind in the world. The people interested are almost entirely Echo and Umatilla county men with a few Portland associates.

The idea of a rabbit factory for the purpose of utilizing the vast number of jack rabbits running wild in Morrow and Umatilla counties and making canned hare, of them, was originated by H. C. Willis, secretary of the American Hare Packing and Cold Storage company, one of the most unique institutions of the present generation.

At the present time, it is said, the company is behind two months in its orders which are coming in from all quarters, and especially from the East where canned hare has been exploited as a delicacy of the first water. The prospective customers, which the company counts on to support the trade, are trans-oceanic steamship lines, dining car companies, fashionable cafes and restaurants, epicures and game loving families. Rabbit will be put up in every form from the ordinary canned game product for family use to the deviled hare for the more fastidious ones.

WILL CALL FOR BIDS AGAIN

County High School Board Makes Arrangements to Receive Bids for the New Building.

The county high school board met Saturday and completed arrangements for advertising again for bids for the construction of the new high school building. A definite time has not been set for receiving them, but it is probable that from December 3 to January 6 will be the month when the bids will be submitted.

The new building is to cost in the neighborhood of \$12,000 and will be a two story stone and brick edifice. No bids were submitted in the last call, but it is not thought this difficulty will be met again as outside contractors have already signified a willingness to handle the project. Mr. Erickson, a Salem contractor, was in attendance at the board meeting last Saturday and said that he would submit a bid as soon as a time was appointed for receiving it.

MINES WORTH DEVELOPING

Quicksilver District at Lookout Mountain Gives Promise of Being a Valuable Field.

There has been considerable talk during the past week concerning the quicksilver at Lookout mountain, a detailed report of which was published in the Journal last week. From those familiar with conditions in that vicinity it is learned that the district contains a very large amount of mercury, and indications point toward a rapid development of the field inside of the next two years.

The district in question lies about 31 miles east of Prineville, just north of the north fork of Crooked river. The first claims were taken within a thousand feet of the summit of the mountain which has an altitude of 7000 feet, and extend for a mile and a half down the slope where the altitude drops to 3800 feet.

About 45 claims have been taken by Prineville residents and others just below the tunnel which

is being constructed by the Tacoma firm now interested in the field. About fifteen of these claims are supposed to be over the mercury deposit which has been reached at different points on the slope where the prospect holes have been dug deep enough. The other claims on the mountain have been taken with the expectation of mining tourmaline, already found in good quantities, and gold. Tourmaline has been discovered in quantities large enough to justify the expenditure of considerable money in working the prospects, and foreign capital is now at work prospecting several of these claims with the expectation of doing a great deal more work commencing not later than next April.

This district herein embraced is on a slide sloping from the summit of Lookout mountain to Ochoco creek due north, and is covered with timber consisting of tamarac, pine and fir suitable to timbering in deep mining. Mining men state that active operations in this field will begin next year and machinery installed to make the district a paying camp.

Several local parties are making preparations to camp in this vicinity during the coming winter and look after the interests of the Prineville claimants. Next spring in consequence, is likely to see considerable activity in development work in the district.

DIXIE MEADOWS PROSPERS

Mine in Which Crook County Persons Are Interested Is Making Fine Showing.

The many Crook county persons who own shares of stock in the Dixie Meadows mine will be interested in the following report of the progress being made which is recorded in the Miner of Prairie City:

Dr. V. C. Belknap returned on Wednesday from a trip to the Dixie Meadows Gold Mining Co's. camp, of which he is one of the main originators. He says that the machinery is now all installed and that the 100-ton concentrator will commence operations on or about December 1st. About 30 men are still at work and the same number will constitute the working force after the concentrator is in operation and the outside work has been completed.

In the mine proper there are shifts of men at work drifting on the ore body, crosscutting, opening up stopes between upper and lower workings, and stoping out ore.

It has been ascertained by the company that the concentrates can be treated on the ground by the cyanide process. They have therefore determined to put in a cyanide plant, on which the work will commence in the course of a week. The sawmill will be started up anew and buildings will be erected for this purpose.

The concentrates can be treated on the ground for about \$5 per ton while if shipped it will cost \$27 per ton.

This mine undoubtedly will soon become world famous. The ore is high grade averaging, at a very conservative estimate, \$15 per ton, and the vein on the lower level measures not less than 50 feet in width. The ore is stoped out and dumped into the concentrator. No hoist, no pumps are needed. The free gold is there taken out, and the remainder of the values in the concentrates are separated and saved by the cyanide process, thus saving the cost of transportation of the ore and concentrates.

Hamilton Feed Stable
AND
Redby Feed Barn...
BOOTH & CORNETT, Prop'rs.
Fine Saddle Horses and Livery Turn-Outs
Stock boarded by day, week or month. Rates reasonable.
Good accommodations. Remember us when in Prineville, and we guarantee that your patronage will be appreciated and deserved by us.

THE OLD RELIABLE



Absolutely Pure
THERE IS NO SUBSTITUTE

The MILLER MEAT MARKET

E M MILLER, Prop

Dealer in

FRESH MEATS

Of all kinds

VEGETABLES & FISH

In Season

The Cheapest and Best Place

in Crook County

In the Building formerly occupied

by P B Doak

For Choice

Homestead

Locations

Timber

AND

Desert Lands

WRITE

ROBT. SMITH,

Prineville, Oregon.

WASHINGTON LIFE

INSURANCE CO.

OF NEW YORK.

CLAY A. SIMPSON, Mgr. Interior Dept.



Has the largest percentage of cash assets to each dollar of liability; earns the highest average interest, and issues the most up-to-date progressive policies for investment or protection.

Powell & Cyrus
Tonsorial Artists

City Meat Market, Foster & Lehman Proprietors.
A Complete and Choice Line of Beef, Veal, Mutton, Pork, Bacon, Lard, and Country Produce.
Main st. Prineville, Oregon. Phone 31.

Henderson & Pollard
DEALERS IN
WINES, LIQUORS, CIGARS.
DOMESTIC and IMPORTED...
COUNTRY ORDERS SOLICITED. FIRST DOOR SOUTH POINDEXTER HOTEL. PRINEVILLE, OREGON.

Wall Paper
AT
CUT RATE PRICES
10c Double Rolls for 5c. 15c Double Rolls for 7c.
20c Double Rolls for 10c. 30c Double Rolls for 15c.
35c Double Rolls for 17c. 40c Double Rolls for 20c.
50c Double Rolls for 25c. INGRAIN 30c.
Prescriptions Cut. Also Patent Medicines.
REMEMBER THE LOW PRICE STORE
D. P. ADAMSON'S STORE
Is The Place