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ASSOCIATION IS GROWING

Athletic Club's Building Nearing Completion—Organization to Be a Large One.

Prineville's Athletic association bids fair to be the largest organization of its kind in Eastern Oregon. When the club's building, which is rapidly nearing completion, is finished it will stand second to the Multnomah Athletic building in Portland. The local building is two stories in height, 80 by 40 feet in size, and already represents an expenditure of nearly \$3000. Funds for the maintenance of the institution have been readily subscribed by nearly every business and professional man in the city, and is one of the most important organizations that has been effected in the county.

The prospects of the club from its organization have been most flattering and its success as a social and athletic association is assured. The charter list contains ninety-two names representing every business house and nearly all the professional men in the city. The officers are Dr. J. H. Rosenberg, president; Harold Baldwin, secretary; and Dr. H. P. Belknap, C. M. Elkins and C. Sam Smith, trustees. The club has been incorporated and holds a State Charter. The bond issue of \$2500 has been subscribed and about \$700 paid in on membership fees. Each member of the club was given an opportunity to take one or more bonds and 42 members of the club are among the bondholders. The First National Bank of Prineville will act as trustee for the bondholders and the semiannual interest will be payable there.

The building and lots, formerly owned by the Ochoco Milling Company, were purchased for \$2000 and the club has already expended \$800 finishing and partially equipping the building. While the amount paid for the Milling Co.'s building is all it was worth in its unfinished state, it removes from the center of the city a steam mill that was a continual menace to the business portion of the town. The Women's Annex organized last week with a charter list of 54 members with Mrs. H. P. Belknap as president. Applications for membership are being received every day by both the club and the Annex from out of town as well as residents of the city. The way the business men and the ladies have taken hold of this laudable enterprise is proof that the Prineville Amateur Athletic Club is destined to be the most important social factor in Central Oregon. Long may it live.

STOCKMEN ARE INVITED
Annual Meeting of Livestock Association Wants Every Cattle and Sheep Man to Attend.

The National Livestock Association, which holds its seventh annual meeting in Portland next month, is making extensive preparations for the entertainment of those who will be in attendance. Many matters of interest to the cattle and sheep raisers throughout the state will come up for discussion, and an urgent invitation will be sent to every stockman in Eastern Oregon. Portland at that time will put forth an effort to secure a packing industry, a matter which is of considerable importance to the stock growers in interior Oregon. The gist of the business maneuvers to be transacted are set forth in the following invitation which is being sent to the various counties throughout the state.

"The seventh annual convention of the National Livestock Association will be held in Portland on January 12, 13, 14, and 15, 1904.

This time is drawing near and the stockmen of Baker county should take full cognizance of the meaning of this meeting, so near to our thresholds, in Eastern Oregon. It means that the metropolis of the state will be visited by several thousand of the leading spirits in this industry, and that they will make a special effort to study the people and the conditions in Oregon, while on this mission. The executive committee wishes to see every individual stockman in the state take an active part in this meeting. The capital represented by membership of the National Livestock Association amounts to about \$500,000,000 and most of the capital will be personally represented in the city of Portland during the meeting. Investors will be there looking for places to locate permanently, where the conditions and surroundings of the industry are congenial and inviting. There will be students of the livestock industry there, practical men seeking information through association, and contact with those engaged in the industry, in different parts of the country and from contact with these experts the stockmen of Oregon can gain much vital and valuable information.

The committee especially urges that every stockman of the county attend the meeting and listen to the discussions. Questions concerning every individual stockman will be ably and fully discussed by those at the very lead in the livestock industry. It will be a chance to get in touch with the inside working of the National Association which will probably not come to Oregon stockmen again in a lifetime.

Judge M. R. Biggs, who is president of the Crook County Cattlemen's association, said the first of the week that this county would send a delegation to represent it at the annual meeting of the Livestock convention. The delegates will in all probability be: J. H. Gray, E. T. Shatton and A. L. Wigle. At present Mr. Gray is busy gathering particulars and statistics relative to the stock interests of Crook county, and these will be presented when the committee attends the convention next month. Judge Biggs feels confident that Crook county will make a creditable showing and that the convention will be surprised at the number of head of stock which are raised in the interior part of the state.

GAIN IN POSTAL BUSINESS

Postoffice Report for Last Half Makes Favorable Showing for an Interior Point.

The Prineville postoffice has just issued its report for the five months from June 1 to December 1. The report shows a large amount of business transacted and more mail matter handled probably than at any other interior point. The money orders and registered packages are considerably in excess of the preceding half and by the time the full half year is up which will include the month of December with all of its holiday trade, this branch of the postal business will be greatly increased.

The present report shows that from 4 to 12 sacks were handled daily and that the office inspected 70 route sacks 526 times during the five months. There are seven stage routes carrying mail and 52 arrivals and departures during the week. Since the first of June, 1527 money orders have been issued and 1650 pieces of registered mail handled in transit with 382 originating in this office, and 874 delivered. The two newspapers added to the gross weight of the mail during the five months to the amount of 2940 pounds.

SHEEPMEN HOLD MEETING

In Session at Antelope and Discuss and Adopt Rules Regarding the Ranging of Stock.

The annual meeting of the Antelope Wool Growers association was held in Antelope last week. A large number of sheepmen from the surrounding country was present to elect officers for the ensuing year and transact business pertaining to the range situation. The Antelope Herald gives the following summary of the proceedings: "The principal business transacted by the association was the discussion of the action upon resolutions introduced by George A. Young, one of them endorsing the policy of H. D. Langille in the grazing on reserves, and including a vote of thanks to Mr. Langille, M. P. Isenberg, S. C. Bartram and their assistants, and the other resolution relating to the transferring of the grazing privileges in the reserve. The first resolution was passed without dissent, but upon the other there was considerable discussion, and it was finally referred to a committee. The original resolution provided, in effect, that when bands of stock sheep change hands, the purchaser should become entitled to whatever privileges the seller had in the matter of range in the reserve, where such purchase was made for the purpose of continuing the business as stock-raiser. The resolution was returned by the committee to the association, with an amendment providing that the rule set forth in the resolution should not apply when such purchaser had already been allotted range in the reserve for three or more bands of sheep; the committee recommended the adoption of the resolution as amended, which was done by a unanimous vote.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was then held, all of the officers of the association being re-elected. The officers are, President, J. D. McAndie; Vice-President, C. P. U'Ren; Secretary, H. C. Rooper; Treasurer, W. Bolton.

COLONISTS COME TO OREGON

Railroads Have Brought Over 5500 Homeseekers to This State During Past Year.

From present indications Oregon is likely to double its present population by the time the next national census is taken. Homeseekers have poured into the state from all sections of the east during the past year, and the Southern Pacific alone states that it has brought over 5500 permanent residents to Oregon since February 15. Nearly 1300 of these arrived during the months of September and October while the railroads were granting their reduced colonist's rates. It is estimated by the railroad officials that the number of colonists will be increased to 10,000 during the coming year. One of the officials of the Southern Pacific in speaking of the growth Oregon has experienced during the past season said: "The climate of this state may be put close alongside the natural richness and productivity of the soil as one of the attractions which induce these people from the East to settle here. That is a combination which generally makes a homeseeker a citizen of Oregon. Before they leave they all agree that Oregon is the best place they have visited and generally promise to make arrangements to come out here."

"This influx of immigrants, while not as heavy as expected, has been partially responsible for the feeling of prosperity which prevades the entire state.

"These men have gone to various portions of Oregon and have become citizens. The increase in country population has made a corresponding increase in business and the number of city inhabitants. From every town in the Willamette Valley comes the report of great growth of population. Portland reflects the growth of the whole state. Statistics would show an enormous increase in the population in every portion of the state. Of course business is good as a result, there is no saying that fact."

WATER POWER ON JOHN DAY

San Francisco Parties Will Develop 2300 Horse-Power on River for Electrical Purposes.

Prospective power generators on the Deschutes river in this county may gain considerable encouragement from the operations being conducted on the John Day river by San Francisco capitalists who are using the water in that stream for generating power to supply several neighboring cities with electricity.

W. A. McNaughton, who has been in the vicinity of the work overseeing the construction of the ditches, and who is interested in the undertaking, states that the company he represents expects to develop 2300 horse power. From the John Day river he gets 7000 inches of water, with a fall of 834 feet in three and a half miles, with 1200 feet of pipe. From Strawberry lake the company gets 3000 inches of water, with a fall of 890 feet in two and one half miles of ditch. The company will have three power houses along the river about half a mile apart.

The dams have now been completed and a force of men is now at work digging ditches and getting out poles on which to string the transmission wires. A small sawmill has been started on Strawberry creek, at one of the power stations, to be used for cutting lumber for the flumes and buildings.

The company has already secured all the necessary franchises from Grant county and when work has progressed far enough to demonstrate satisfactorily to the most skeptical that the scheme is a feasible one, franchises will be asked from Prairie City, Canyon City and John Day. The first named is only a few miles away, while the latter two are about twenty miles distant. The company will furnish both light and power and expects to have its dynamo in operation by the first of next July.

ACKERMAN IS NOT COMING

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Will Not Attend Institute This Week.

The teachers throughout the county who expected to hear State Superintendent J. H. Ackerman deliver his lectures at the teacher's institute which begins its three days session to-morrow will be disappointed. Mr. Ackerman has written to Superintendent Boegli that he will not attend owing to the fact that practically seven days time would be consumed in getting here from Salem.

At the time he wrote the superintendent that he would be present at the annual meeting, the daily stage was making the trip from Shaniko in a days time, but now two days are consumed in the run, and Mr. Ackerman gives this as his reason for not coming as he had intended. The institute will feel the loss from Mr. Ackerman's absence, but Superintendent Boegli promises to make up for it as much as possible.

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