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TAX LIST IS OUT

Delinquents Are in Arrears to the County for \$500.

The sheriff's office has turned over to the Journal the delinquent tax list for publication which will be found on another page. The list is not a long one this year, only 50 names appearing in it, and the total amount due the county on back taxes amount to but \$500.

Tax payers, as a rule have been prompt about making their payments, and several weeks ago it was thought there would not be more than a dozen names on the delinquent list. These would have been inclusive of those persons who owned property at the time of assessment, but sold it before the time of making payment, and would also have included the persons owning property at assessment and moving from the county before collection of the taxes.

This accounts in part for the increase of names over that of last year at which time only about a dozen appeared in the advertised list.

WILL ASK GOVERNMENT AID

Irrigation Association in Haystack District Wants Less Expensive Way of Getting Water.

The difficulties under which the settlers in the Agency Plains and Haystack districts have labored in securing water both for domestic and agricultural uses, have resulted in the organization of the Farmer's Co-operative Irrigation association. The organization has been perfected with Jessie Martin, president; E. C. Wiesner, secretary; and Lee Peck, treasurer. The objects of the association are set forth in the preamble, which is as follows:

We, the undersigned citizens and residents of Crook county, Oregon, in order to secure unity of action and the benefits which may be derived from united efforts; to encourage the organization of similar associations throughout Crook county, and to unite all in one central head; to promote any enterprise which is for the public good; to secure a better and less laborious and expensive means of getting water for domestic purposes; to keep enlightened upon the progress of the various irrigation projects now being undertaken throughout the United States, and to become better acquainted with all such work, both as to cost of construction and maintenance, and the detailed work of conducting farms under an irrigation system; to assist and urge the United States government to thoroughly investigate this field where in we reside at the earliest possible date with a view of ascertaining the feasibility of constructing some system of water works, either by boring for artesian water or constructing a system of irrigation ditches or both as provided for under the provisions of the Maxwell act of 1901, do hereby adopt the following constitution and by-laws.

The association has fixed its initiation fees for charter members at 25 cents and all those joining within 6 months from January 1, 1904, are to be considered as charter members, after that the fees are to be raised to \$1.

It is the intention of the association to get the needs of the district, from an irrigation stand point, into tangible shape and present the matter before the government irrigation commission. The members hope that something will be done sometime in the future to get water upon their lands in a manner set forth in the preamble.

A meeting of the association will be held in the Haystack district soon, at which time the constitu-

tion and by-laws will be adopted and steps taken to further the work undertaken.

SETTLERS ARE COMING

Prineville and Crook County Will Soon Begin to Experience Arrival of Eastern Homeseekers.

The present year promises to be a banner season for Crook county, and it is probable, judging from present indications, that a large part of its area, which now lies vacant, will be in the hands of individuals before another winter has come. It is probable, too, that many ranches in this portion of the state will pass into the possession of different owners before the year has closed.

The above is deduced from the many letters which are being received daily in this city by the newspapers, real estate agents and postmaster from inquirers in the East who are anxious to come to Oregon and wish to know of its land, altitude and climate before coming here to establish a permanent home. The Journal has answered dozens of inquiries during the past few weeks and nearly as many more have been turned over to the real estate agents for an answer.

Many of these letters state that there are parties in the East who are ready to make a change and come to Oregon, and that the answer to their questions, if satisfactory, will determine their course.

One of the real estate men in Prineville stated this week that a party of 15 or 20 persons would be here inside of the next month to look over farms and timber claims which he had for sale. This first crowd of homeseekers and land investors is likely to be followed by more during the year and many who will come will make Crook county and vicinity their permanent home.

SHIP COAL FROM JOHN DAY

Output of Mines Sold to Neighboring Farmers and Fuel Hauled 80 Miles to a Market.

A good body of coal is being opened in the John Day valley and is proving of great benefit to the people of that section. One of the great drawbacks there, as far as mining is concerned, has been the great difficulty of obtaining fuel.

The high price of coal has been a matter of serious moment to the miners who wished to build a plant, as it was heretofore almost prohibitive with coal costing \$11 to \$12 per ton. The property is owned by Anthony Mohr and others of Sumpter, and has been under development for about a year, and an excellent body of coal has been opened up.

To the Daily Reporter of Sumpter, Mr. Mohr said:

"Our analyses of these specimens have demonstrated that they have a fuel value which will rank the present output with the best in the West, whether in British Columbia, Washington or California. Our property will be proven inside of the next 90 days. The nearest railroad at present is the Columbia Southern, from Shaniko, which is about 40 miles distant. There may be others, however, to bid for the business we will have to offer. I sold 250 tons of our Arlington teamster, who will haul it 80 miles. The fuel is in great demand among the farmers and stockmen, as wood is a very scarce commodity. In fact, right now we are having some fine roads built, swapping the coal to the farmers for their work. It's better than a gold property, because when it is proved it can be easily estimated."

CHANGE IN SCHEDULE

Postal Department Alters Time of the Mail Stages.

The postal department has ordered a change in the schedule of the mail stage leaving Shaniko, and as a result Crook county residents will receive better service.

The stage making connections with the Columbia Southern at Shaniko has formerly been compelled to leave there at 8:15 p. m. whether the train got there at that time or not. Consequently the Crook county mail sometimes laid over in Shaniko 24 hours. The recent order extends the time for making connection at Shaniko, and the Prineville mail stage can now wait until 11:45 before leaving for its destination, a ruling that insures a prompt carrying of the mail sacks coming this way.

A change has also been made at the local office affecting the delivery of the Crook and Haystack mails. Mail for both these places is now held until 11:45 a. m. instead of leaving as it formerly did at 7:15. An opportunity is thus given to deliver mail to these communities the same day that it is received in Prineville from Shaniko.

Postmaster Summers also states that the department has ordered that information of any kind regarding postal matters or the deliveries shall not be given from the local office by telephone.

CONTRACT IS NOT AWARDED

Bidders for Construction of County High School Building Figure Too High.

Bids for the construction of the new county High school building were opened last week, but the contract was not awarded owing to excessive figures. The bids ranged from \$20,000 to \$35,000 and the county board considered them too high. The contractors who submitted bids were: A. B. Steele & Son, Portland; C. A. Gray, Salem; H. Snook, Roseburg; Welch & Mourer, Salem.

The difference in the amount of the bids was brought about through a misconception regarding the rock work on the building, the highest bidders figuring on doing considerable carving in the stone masonry.

The county high school board will meet again next Saturday to make arrangements for re-advertising for bids. J. B. Shipp is engaged now in drawing plans for a wooden building and it is probable that bids will be called for again on a frame structure. This course as yet has not been definitely decided upon, and it is understood that some of the members of the board are opposed to putting up a wooden structure and stand in favor of stone even at an increased price over that set.

SELLS IN CALIFORNIA

C. J. Johnson Returns After Disposing of 738 Head of Cattle in Southern Points.

C. J. Johnson returned Saturday from Oroville, Cal., where he sold 738 head of cattle during the past two months. The bunch was made up of yearlings and 2-year-olds and a few cows and the entire number brought \$21 per head.

Mr. Johnson started with his herd about the first of last September, driving them overland. He expected to find stock conditions in their prime, but reached California just in time to find the market flooded with cattle and sheep which had been brought in over the southern trails. A continued drought of 8 months was also a factor in reducing stock prices.

Mr. Johnson says he would not advise any one to drive stock over land to California points without first making a thorough study of conditions. He reports Oroville and Central California sections undergoing a cold spell of more than usual severity, ice and snow being more plentiful than in Crook county. Feed in that district is very scarce and stockmen are experiencing some hardships as a result of the shortage.

Practically all of the stock leaving Central Oregon since last fall has gone out through the southern route to points in the vicinity of Oroville. This accounts for the large supply and depressed market which Mr. Johnson encountered when making his sales. Heavy shipments have been sent into that section by cattle men throughout Lake and Klamath counties and a portion of cattle sold in Crook county the past few months has made its exit in that direction. But very few head of stock have gone to the railroad through northern routes, California markets apparently increasing their hold on Oregon's stock output.

COUNTIES GET ROAD FUNDS

Secretary of State Apportions Amount Received from the Government at Washington.

Early last week the State Treasurer received from the United States Treasury the sum of \$90,135.24 as the state's share of the United States land sales fund for the year 1901. Thursday afternoon the Secretary of State apportioned this fund among the different counties of the state according to the acreage of each county. The total acreage of the state of Oregon is 60,957,760, and the apportionment per acre is practically one mill and a half. The fund this year exceeds that received last year from the government sale of land almost four fold, the amount received last year being \$23,365.90.

Of the above amount apportioned, Crook county, which is the fourth largest in the state, gets \$7,574.48. Harney county, the largest, gets \$10,025.49. Malheur county, \$9,282.14, and Lake county, \$7,585.83.

PLENTY OF GOOD TIMBER

Oregon and Washington Have Enough to Last the World for Many Years.

The timbered area of Oregon and Washington is equal to the whole of New England and two-thirds of New York, says the Pacific Monthly. Imagine the six states of New England and the greater part of New York covered with an unbroken forest, and you will have some idea of the immensity of the forests of the northwest.

The trees of this section will cut off of good merchantable timber 450,000,000,000 feet. In Oregon alone, according to estimates of government forest experts, we have 335,000,000,000 feet.

What does this mean? Stop a moment and think about it. Cut into boards one inch thick, this Oregon timber will cover a walk half a mile wide entirely around the earth at the equator; the same boards would make us a driveway to the moon 250 feet wide (not allowing for the supporting timbers.) Or, we have sufficient timber for a board fifteen inches wide to bridge the gulf between us and the planet Mars, 48,000,000 miles away! And the money value of it all? Well, \$12 per thousand feet for the finished lumber is a conservative estimate. At this price the value of the Oregon timber is \$4,020,000,000. This is almost twice the total amount of money—gold and silver coins and bank notes—in the United States on January 1, 1903.

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