

LOCAL MENTION

H. G. Caldwell was a business visitor from Bend the last of the week.

A. H. Grant, the new postmaster at Bend, was transacting business in the city several days last week.

Arthur Hodges returned Saturday from a ten days business visit to Portland.

J. S. McMeen and wife, of Laramie, were visiting in the city several days during the last of the week.

Ed Ketcher was a business visitor from Bay Creek for several days during the past week.

T. J. Leach was in the city last Saturday from Culver where he says the spring crops are in a flourishing condition.

DANCE, DANCE, FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BASE BALL CLUB. P. A. A. C. BUILDING, FRIDAY EVENING, MAY 20TH.

Robert Wallace, of Chicago, was in the city last week to make final proof on a timber and stone claim before County Clerk Smith.

Frank Atwood, last week took charge of the Prineville-Shankoo stage station at Heidler, his place as agent at Shankoo being taken by John Sommer.

Warren Brown was in the city Saturday from Grizzly where he has just closed an eight month's term of school. Mr. Brown will now engage in farming on his homestead in the Haystack country.

Henry Cadle was down last Saturday from his Odellon ranch. The Cadle creamery is now turning out 120 pounds of butter a week all of which is disposed of here with the demand still exceeding the supply.

W. E. Guerin, Jr. and G. C. Steinman, of the Deschutes Irrigation company, were transacting business in the city the last of the week. The trip over from the Bend was made in a carriage the famous auto being laid up for repairs.

J. W. Howard arrived here last week from Portland and has been looking after his extensive cattle interests. He left Tuesday for Sacramento, California, where he is finding about 400 head of beef cattle for the market.—Silver Lake Oregonian.

W. W. Brown, the wealthy stockman of File, spent a few days in Burns this week. Mr. Brown seemed to be well satisfied with the result of the winter, notwithstanding the reports that he lost heavily both of sheep and horses—Burns News.

Judge Bradshaw and District attorney Frank Menefee left the last of the week for The Dalles after closing the May term of circuit court. This session has been one of the shortest in the history of the county, prosperous times evidently keeping people at peace with each other.

THE DANCE, FRIDAY, MAY 20TH IS GOING TO BE THE BEST EVER AND YOU SHOULD BE THERE. PROGRAMMES WILL BE GIVEN OUT AT 8:30 BLUNT.

Mrs. Frank Atwood was severely injured last Friday by the overturning of a stage coach a few miles this side of Antelope. She was thrown from her seat next to the driver onto the ground sustaining injuries to her side and arms. The injured woman is being cared for at Heidler.

Albert Canning, the Crook county sheepman who was recently indicted by the grand jury at Portland for setting fire in the Cascade reserve, returned home last week after appearing in court. He pleaded guilty to the charge and was fined \$100. He stated that the fire was started accidentally although he says he was somewhat careless in not watching it until it went out.

A. W. Johnson, of La Grande, left last week for his home after making his final proof on a timber and stone claim. Mr. Johnson, who is with the O. R. & N. states that extra coaches are being run nearly every day to accommodate the large number of eastern homeseekers who are coming west. For nearly ten days a short time ago the trains were running from ten to fourteen coaches all of which were filled with passengers.

James Tarrish, a representative of the Weyerhaeuser timber syndicate, arrived in the city Saturday from Spokane. He left the last of the week for the Blue Mountains to look over a truck of timber in that vicinity. Mr. Tarrish stated that the Weyerhaeuser people are preparing to erect a million dollar mill in the Pendleton country in Idaho which will cut 500,000 feet of lumber in a day. The mill when completed will be one of the largest which has ever been built.

A young stranger, who was returning with a party of Walla Walla people from the irrigation lands near Bend, was painfully injured by the accidental discharge of a rifle at the Durbin ranch last Wednesday. Several of the crowd had been shooting jack-rabbits from the wagon when a rifle which was held from the wagon was accidentally discharged. The charge took effect in the left hand of one of the party the ball passing through three fingers. By a miracle none of the bones was broken. The injured man came on to Antelope where his hand was dressed by Dr. King.—Antelope Herald.

Fred Wilson and wife expect to leave Saturday for Hood River.

M. S. Mayfield was a business visitor from Rashad the last of the week.

Miss Lily Read of Culver was visiting friends in the city during the past week.

C. L. Brock was over from Deschutes Monday attending to business matters.

John McLennan, of Antelope, was transacting business in the city the last part of this week.

George Stevens was over from Sisters the first of the week transacting business before the county court.

Walter Ray left Monday noon for St. Paul, Oregon, where he will engage in business with his brother.

C. H. Dimmick, democratic candidate for county school superintendent, was in the city on business the last of the week.

Dr. W. W. Taggart left Monday for St. Paul Minn., where he expects to remain for several weeks transacting business matters.

Miss Maud Kidder was in the city visiting this week from Haystack where she has been teaching school during the past winter.

C. E. Lovell, of the Deschutes Irrigation company, was in the city last week on business connected with his company at Deschutes.

J. N. Smith, a brother of R. G. and County Clerk Smith, who has been here visiting for several weeks, left the first of the week for his home in Illinois.

L. H. Tillotson and E. W. Brown arrived in the city last week from Portland and left Saturday in company with Henry Gram to look over their quicksilver mines at Lookout mountain.

C. F. Royal, of the firm of C. P. Royal & Son, bridge contractors of Salem, was in the city this week to submit a bid for the construction of a bridge across Crooked river at the Forest ranch.

Wm. Adams and son, Boyd, left on the stage Monday noon for St. Louis where they will attend the exposition and visit with relatives in that section. They expect to be gone for a month or six weeks.

A firm of Chicago horse buyers recently bought over 2000 head of range horses in Morrow county, and many more will probably be purchased by the same firm. The horses are graded, shipped to St. Louis and there sold to local dealers.

Wm. Kleffel, railway mail clerk between Prineville and Shankoo, is in the city here looking over the country and it is said will establish an air line mail system when the auto gets to running between Prineville and Shankoo.

Rev. W. C. Holt left Monday noon for home in Portland after conducting the corner stone ceremonies of the new Presbyterian church Sunday. Rev. Holt expressed his much pleasure with Prineville and its people and says he believes there is a bright future in store for this section of Oregon.

The Happy Hooligan baseball team again went down in defeat last Sunday morning. But nothing undamned they will shoulder their bats again next Sunday in an effort to totally and effectually crush their opponents. At present the Happy's are about as successful as the Portland team, and play about the same kind of a game, but there is a change coming.

General manager J. O. Johnson, of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power company, arrived at Bend last week in his automobile, the first to invade Central Oregon. He came in from Shankoo by the way of Trout Crossing and had some little difficulty in making the trip owing to the brush the center of the roads which frequently entangled itself in the gear of the machine.

Work on the telephone line which is to connect Howard with Prineville is rapidly drawing to a close. The first of the week the post holes were all dug and the work of setting the poles began Tuesday. The wire and other equipments are on their way in here and Postmaster Summers says that communication will be established between the two points inside of ten days.

Martin Pratt was in the city this week from the Haystack country where he has been with the engineering crew laying out an automobile road near Heidler's station. Only a short distance now remains uncompleted and it is expected that the road will be in readiness for the trial runs of the Cadillac early next week. Mr. Pratt left Monday for Deschutes to assist in some survey work on the canal line there.

The public schools close tomorrow. Prof. Strange, of the High school and wife will spend the summer in Portland and visiting with Mrs. Strange's relative's near La Grande. Prof. Strange says the High school students have taken hold of their work with commendable zeal during the year and as a result have covered considerable ground in their studies. Next fall with a new building and better facilities at hand their work will be made much more interesting than it could be under the present circumstances.

County court convened Monday for the May term with Judge Biggs and Commissioners Head and Powell present to take action on county affairs.

C. J. Millis, livestock agent for the O. R. & N., was in the city the first of the week. Mr. Millis is looking after the livestock interests in the districts tributary to the railroad and sees buyers for the stockmen as far as possible. He left Monday for Bend to look after the cattle business in that section.

Notice to farmers, or to whom it may concern, the Prineville flouring mill will close down on May 25th until after harvest for flouring purposes all who have wheat which wish made into flour are requested to bring it in before that date, also those who have flour stored in the mill must get it out before that date.

STEWART & HOMES.

J. Hastings, a former stockman of Hay Creek, returned last week from Phoenix, Arizona, where he has spent two winters for the benefit of his health. Mr. Hastings was in the city Monday and stated that dry times are unknown in this part of the country. In Arizona where he was there has been no rain to speak of since last July, and a few months ago stockmen found it necessary to kill off some of their stock to prevent them from dying from lack of water.

P. T. Monroe, of Cross Keys, attended the county court this week to make arrangements to secure funds for road improvements in that section. It is the intention of the residents in that vicinity to build permanent winter roads by graveling them. Mr. Monroe reports crops in the Cross Keys district to be three weeks earlier this year. Alfalfa, gardens, fruit and grain are the best he has ever seen since locating there, and he says he will be in the city this year with the finest lot of melons ever brought to Prineville.

Object to the Discontinuance of the Haystack Mail Stage.

Haystack people as well as the merchants in this city are up in arms over the recent order of the Post office department which will discontinue the tri-weekly stage and mail service between that point and this city. The order was received by Postmaster Summers a few days ago and it becomes effective the 14th of this month.

Steps have been taken to rescind the order and allow the tri-weekly to continue as well as a tri-weekly service between Haystack and Grizzly, the latter being the change proposed by the department.

Merchants here feel that if the line between Prineville and Haystack is discontinued they will be cut off entirely from communication with the lower country. Letters have been written to the fourth assistant postmaster and Congressman Williamson who is still in Washington and it is expected that the department will set fit to reconsider its order.

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The amateur actors and actresses who took part in the drama, Nevada, which was produced at the Athletic building last Wednesday and Thursday evenings, have made a record for themselves and established once and for all the fact that a good play can be produced in this city supported only by local talent. As one man has put it, "I have seen worse plays than this one on the Marquam Grand stage in Portland." So those who took part have reason to feel flattered, and those who witnessed the performance were more than satisfied with the results. The pains that were taken through the six weeks of rehearsal to make a good presentation of the play showed plainly in the extraordinary good quality of the acting. All three scenes moved along quickly and with a touch of professional precision, and bursts of applause were frequent and of long standing.

Judge Biggs appearing as Nevada, the old crooked miner, carried out his part admirably and was well supported by the ten other characters in the play. Miss Addie Foster as Moselle, the wulf, met an appreciative audience with her clever impersonation of a young girl just returned from school. The love making between Vermont, Mr. T. M. Baldwin, and Mother Merton, Mrs. J. H. Wigle, did not run as smoothly as possible and it met an equal in the strenuous opposition carried on by Tom Carew and Agnes Fairlie, two characters well taken by John Luckey and Mrs. Carey Foster. Julie and Win Kyo, a yellow man and a black man, who in real life are Bruce Gray and Joe Larson, always appeared at the seat of any trouble. They were the fun makers and persistently present when they should have been elsewhere. Dandy Dick, a swarthy Moselle, was well sustained by Harold Baldwin, Henry Smith as detective Jordan very cleverly endeavored to get himself out of disgrace and finally succeeded by killing himself.

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The music furnished by the orchestra was well rendered and appreciated. Two selections were played between each of the acts. The receipts from the two evenings amounted to over \$200 which will be used in finishing the tennis courts and providing shower baths for the gymnasium rooms.

An Open Letter in Support of Judge Booth.

Friends and Taxpayers, you who hope to be, and all others greeting:

I wish to place my remarks where I cannot go back on them and will certainly give you all credit for yours and recollect and profit by them, or otherwise.

Out of old Wasco county has been formed all of Crook, Sherman and part of Gilliam and Wheeler counties leaving the old parent, Wasco, divided with all necessary indecision contracted for the inevitable expenses, necessary to the running of such an extensive area of sparsely settled country made up of a wild and of course lawless population.

Then, when by her exertions, this vast area was quieted and lawlessness came to be a matter of history only, the settlers objected to having to travel such distances to reach the county and circuit courts, all of which I endorsed, and have done so up to the present time, but, when that has ceased to be an honest expression of our situation, I consider it time to stop, and time to consider results.

Division now is only agitated by the non-taxpayers or if otherwise, by disgruntled office seekers and those who hope to become officers in these new slabs that are proposed to be cut off from present existing boundary lines. Our lines, as well as those of the contiguous counties, are understood and well defined, the same with our road and school districts. Our expensive county buildings completed and paid for; our bridges are built so are the jail and court house. And the new \$25,000 High school building is in active course of construction and a necessary levy placed upon us last assessment to pay for the same, county warrants a little below par and a very bright future in prospective. The Columbia Southern will soon be a taxpaying factor, opening up the most extensive lumbering district in the United States. Canal lines are in active course of construction, offering an attractive field to any industrious man who will put his honest labor in the endeavor to adorn, beautify and make happy and prosperous homes out of what was once called the "Great American Desert."

Kansas, the two Dakotas, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California, Arizona, and Utah have taken in a part of this great arid territory until but comparatively a small amount land is unclaimed. There is of the desert property in Crook county as much as 200,000 acres, every 80 acres of which would make a happy, self supporting family home.

"United we stand, divided we fall," can be no better exemplified than in the division of counties, for the opening up of positions for would be office seekers who scorn to go out and work for honest wages earned.

The average tax payer sues not, nor is sued. He may be called upon to serve as a juror once in three or four years. Our county seat is nearly geographically central and no good and valid reason exists why Crook should be divided.

Now, of course any sensible man will say that what has been already said is only a prelude to a purpose, and he would guess it exactly. My purpose is to dissuade any voter at our election the 6th of next month from supporting a man who would favor such an unbusinesslike proposition—more especially a man who may be called on to represent us in the legislature.

I have a man in mind who I know to be in a every respect worthy and well qualified. A gentleman honest of purpose, a good business man and honest taxpayer all combined. Unshod to a remarkable degree, but firm as a rock to the best interests of the people when called upon to act. This man has been called to take the nomination for joint senator for Crook, Grant, Lake and Klamath counties and anti-divisionists I call upon you, regardless of political affiliations, to vote for W. A. Booth who has expressed his unqualified opposition to county division. S. J. NEWSOME.

Registration of Voters.

Below is given the total registration so far this year as shown by the records kept by County Clerk J. J. Smith. The 1904 list will be changed each week as the registration increases up to May 15. At that time those who do not wish to have their names on the register by 5 o'clock on that day,

1904	1902
Prineville.....	150.....
Ashwood.....	65.....
Black Butte.....	67.....
Breese.....	14.....
Bear Creek.....	27.....
Beaver.....	7.....
Camp Creek.....	22.....
Cherry Creek.....	19.....
Cross Keys.....	6.....
Haystack.....	138.....
Hardin.....	11.....
Hay Creek.....	29.....
Ireland.....	7.....
Johnson Creek.....	29.....
Ketcher.....	38.....
Bend.....	22.....
Howard.....	18.....
Montgomery.....	37.....
Mill Creek.....	23.....
Maury.....	4.....
McKay.....	30.....
Willow Creek.....	29.....
Newsome.....	26.....
Summit.....	3.....

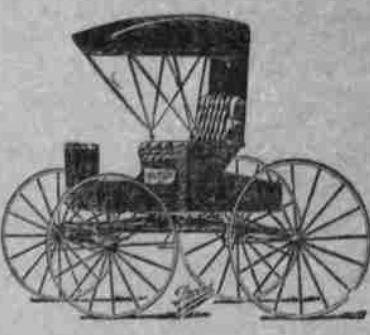
Stockmen Will Get Passes.

Agent W. E. Nixon of The Dalles, is in receipt of information to the effect that the O. R. & N. and other transportation lines will issue return transportation to stockmen under the same condition, as were in effect prior to January 1, 1904, and discontinued at that time, granting return passes to shippers for every two cars of stock shipped in.

This announcement will be good news to the stockmen of the country who were greatly inconvenienced by the ruling. This is the outcome of a conference of stockmen and traffic managers held in Chicago on February 25th for the purpose of discussing the matter, and the ruling will go into effect Monday, May 9th.

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