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Portland plays ball about as well as Prineville. The two teams together might contrive in some way to rig up a summer toboggan slide.

With a new \$3000 road way nearly completed up the grade, and final arrangements practically made for the reclamation of 40,000 acres of land in the immediate vicinity, all of which is directly traceable to a civic organization, it might be remarked that the Citizens' Business League is not altogether a dead letter.

Klamath county with its recent slaughter of a band of sheep and the probably killing of the two herders, has furnished the first fuel to the revengeful flames of the so called "range war." Crook county has been a little slow this year in the matter of making a substantial move for first place, but it is not likely that she will allow the pennant to be placed outside of her territory when the final counting is made at the end of the season.

Madras will soon have the distinction of having the only rural free mail delivery in Crook county, and it is a distinction she will keep for several years to come. This will cause the outside world to open its eyes to the importance of this locality, which is supposed to have only a few straggling settlers. But a rural free delivery which has to have 100 families on the route within a given number of miles, is least suspected of this vicinity even in many portions of Oregon. Madras has the country surrounding her to made one of the best.

The deed to the land lying south of the High School, which will be converted into a city park this summer, was received the last of the week and placed on record.

The deed comes from the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Wagon Road Company and it has been obtained only through the tireless efforts of Mr. Elliott. The land in its present condition is easily worth \$2000 and the city generally owes its thanks to Mr. Elliott for the interest he has taken in the matter and the influence and work in getting the tract as a gift to Prineville. Probably in the future when the city has made all the improvements possible and converted the grounds into an attractive park, an appreciation of Mr. Elliott's work will be more generally felt than it is at present, although it passes the remark that this community should be and is appreciative of so good a stroke of work.

Forty thousand acres of land lying in a compact body, all irrigated and producing crops, is a matter of importance to any county in which such a project is located. Doubtless it is the scheme to reclaim the immense area lying from the most part north and west of Prineville, for its effects upon this city and the county generally are almost incalculable. The character of the land itself is such that every acre can be tilled and hundreds of family given maintenance through the magic agency of irrigation. With this area supporting its proportion of population the immediate locality will feel the greatest benefits and Prineville's population will be increased, hand in hand with its business enterprises, to double the present number. The scheme itself is a feasible one throughout and the character of land far above that of any other in the county. In fact the project, though comparatively small, has no equal in interior Oregon, and the effects of its successful reclamation may be readily guessed.

Oregon merchants will have a good remedy against many of their bad debtors after the 18th of

May, when the act of the last legislature regarding the exemption of wages from execution will go into effect. This act amends the law by making one half the earnings of the debtor subject to execution proceedings if the debt be for family expenses. Prior to 1903 all the earnings of a debtor for 30 days next preceding the service of an attachment, execution or garnishment were exempt if the earnings were needed for the support of a family. Under that law men with considerable monthly incomes would escape the payment of their debts. The legislature of 1903 amended the law by limiting the amount of earnings to \$75, but leaving the law otherwise the same. As there are comparatively few men working for wages who receive over \$75 a month, this still enabled men to avoid debts which they should be compelled to pay, and the legislature of 1905 amended the section still further by adding this clause: "Except when the debt is incurred for family expenses furnished within six months of the date of the service of such attachment, execution or garnishment, 50 per cent of such earnings shall be subject to such attachment, execution or garnishment." As construed by the courts, the term "family expenses" includes such items as provisions, fuel, rent, furniture, wearing apparel, pianos, organs, jewelry, medical attendance, etc.—Ex.

While a great many men are coming to Oregon to invest money in many ways, the greater proportion of them in agricultural lands, some Oregonians are making investments far abroad, some in Alberta province, some in Mexico and others elsewhere. These are not a very great number all told, nor is the aggregate amount of their investments abroad very large, as compared with the amounts being invested in Oregon, but they are sufficient to cause considerable comment. It is any one's privilege to go or send his money whithersoever he chooses, yet it is a little strange to see farmers from eastern Oregon, the best-yielding grain country in the United States, moving away up into Alberta to raise wheat, and others buying with but slight knowledge of the property purchased coffee lands in Mexico. Some years ago two young Umatilla county men who had made quite a large amount of money raising wheat sold out and invested in an island in the San Joaquin river. They bought a law suit with the island and last year won it, and stuck to the property, valued at more than a quarter of a million dollars, until they played even or more, and then one of them sold out his share and says he will hereafter confine his investments to Umatilla and Union counties, where he already has large holdings of farming land. He advises young men and capitalists to stick to that part of Oregon if they want to make money out of agriculture.—Journal.

What Became of the Hogs?  
What might have been a serious accident occurred on Tygh grade the latter part of last week. While Mr. Amen and wife, of Victor, were driving down the grade they met a load of hogs just this side of the watering trough, and in passing one of Mr. Amen's horses was scared by the squealing of a hog and jumped off the grade. The wagon, horses and a buggy which was trailed behind, all rolled partly down the grade. Fortunately neither of the parties were hurt, the only damage being done was to the buggy and a stove. The buggy was left at Hamilton & Pugh's shop for repairs and the stove was left on the hillside a total wreck.—Tygh Valley Bee.

## Additional Locals

Dick Miller, of Post, was in town Monday.

Will Post was a visitor from Post Tuesday.

J. I. West, of Bend, was courting in Prineville this week.

Dick Mulholland and wife, of Crook, were in town this week.

Perry Read, of Culver, was in attendance at court this week.

John Sizemore, of Deschutes, is spending a few days in town this week.

Deputy Sheriff James Smith is over from Bend attending to legal business.

Ves Belknap and wife, of Portland, arrived in the city the first of the week.

Dr. Virgil Belknap and Albert Belknap are in the city from Prairie City.

Frank Hoffman has purchased the Ike Smith ranch near Culver. Consideration \$2700.

R. F. Armstrong, of Haystack, was transacting business in town this week.

A. E. Lowry was in this city from his ranch at Howard the first of the week.

W. T. E. Wilson, of Sisters, is visiting with his family in this city.

Fred Weise, of Sisiter, was interviewing the merchants of the city the first of the week.

Hugh Lister was in from his ranch on Beaver creek the fore part of the week.

B. Shepphrrd of Upper Crooked river, was transacting business in town this week.

Wm. Staats and wife, of Deschutes are in town in attendance at Circuit court.

W. P. Vandervert was in from his stock ranch at Lava Wednesday.

Henry Montgomery and son Joe of Grizzly were transacting business in town this week.

Mrs. Roy Price accompanied by Miss Frances Reams of Post were visiting in town this week.

Roscoe Knox and daughter Miss Lillie, were in the city Wednesday enroute to the Deschutes.

R. A. Kirk and Lee Barker, of Portland were in the city looking over the prospects of business location.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gray and Mrs. Floyd Rowell were in town Wednesday from the Bonnyview ranch on Crooked river.

Joe Smith was in town from his ranch on Upper Crooked river this week attending court and transacting business.

G. W. Noble and son, Albert, left this morning for their ranch at Paulina where they will spend the summer.

O. P. Carroll, of Antelope arrived in the city last week. Mr. Carroll will play ball with the Prineville team in the game Sunday between Bend and Prineville.

Mr. and Mrs. James Zucher, of Independence, are in the city with a view of locating in Crook county. Mrs. Zucher, nee Miss Edith Howard is well known in this county.

The Prineville Military Band will make its first appearance in public next Sunday. The band will furnish music for base ball game.

Dr. C. A. Cline and wife returned the first of the week from their ranch near the lower bridge on the Deschutes. Mr. Cline says he has water now so that he can irrigate most of his land and is putting in a crop for this season.

J. H. Kelly, of Post was in the city this week attending circuit court. Mr. Kelly reports the range and farming conditions in his section to be about a month ahead of usual season.

Jas. Eagan was sentenced to 90 days in the county jail by Judge Ellis this morning for shooting at the Grimes house several weeks ago.

A party composed of Judge Ellis, W. E. Guerin, D. F. Steffa, T. M. Baldwin, E. D. Dufur, Frank Menefee, Dr. J. H. Rosenberg, C. Sam Smith, M. R. Elliott and D. P. Rea made a trip to Bend on the automobile Wednesday returning the next morning.

A. E. Adams, representing the Western Historical Publishing company, of Spokane, arrived in the city Tuesday, and will spend a few weeks in this section securing material to be used in the History of Oregon which his company will soon publish.

In the circuit court Wednesday morning Judge Ellis after hearing the arguments of both attorneys continued the case of John Banta and wife, charged with the crime of maliciously killing a team of horses, until the next term of court. The continuance was granted upon the grounds advanced by the prosecution that it was impossible at this time to secure the evidence of Mrs. Monroe, who it is stated could offer some convicting testimony.

Peter Hooper was fined \$250 by Judge Ellis this morning for selling whiskey to Indians at Ashwood. In default of payment he will serve 125 days in jail.

J. W. Cook, of Haystack, was a business visitor today.

## AUTO TO RUN BETWEEN MADRAS AND PRINEVILLE

The big 40-horsepower automobile, built for the Central Oregon Transportation company to ply between Shaniko and Bend, will begin running soon between Madras and Prineville. Two smaller gasoline cars which are now in Portland will be used on the road from Cross Keys to Bend, and a larger machine put into commission on the latter route as soon as the road from Forest to Bend has been treated with petroleum and packed solid enough to permit of the use of the larger and heavier auto.

At present the route from Forest to Bend is in such condition that the machine now in use acts more as a plow when on the road than as a means of transportation. But this difficulty, due to the looseness of the earth, will be done away with when the road is properly treated sometime in the future.

The big auto will begin making rounds trips daily between Madras and this city as soon as necessary arrangements can be completed, will probably be inside of the next week. Regular trips will be made on week days, the machine leaving Madras in the morning and returning in the evening.

## LOCAL WOOL REACHES 20 CENTS

Representatives of various wool buying firms are contracting wool in the city and county for delivery in Shaniko at 20 cents per pound. This is the best figure offered for clips so far this season. Even at this advance in price not a great deal of wool is being secured, sheep owners as a rule holding with the expectation of receiving better prices at the wool sales at Shaniko next month.

Hand in hand with the prosperous wool figures comes the percentage reports from the lambing season which is now well enough advanced so that accurate estimates can be given relative to the season's increase. Following are a few of the reports from prominent sheepmen in the county:

Morrow & Keenan of Willow creek report good results and about 100 per cent increase.

Chas. Lister is half through the season with favorable results.

Ralph Portilly of Crooked river reports an increase of 100 per cent.

Colonel M. C. Nye reports 101 per cent.

Chas. Miller has had a good season. Per cent not stated.

Williamson & Gesner state the season has resulted in a favorable increase.

## School Papers Go to Portland.

The school exhibit of Crook county for the Lewis and Clark fair was shipped to Portland Saturday. Last Friday the exhibit was viewed by dozens of interested persons and the excellent quality of the work was more than a surprise to those who viewed it. Papers were exhibited showing the character of work in all the various studies from the first to the eighth grade and reflected much credit not alone to the pupils but

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their instructors as well. The map work in geography, the arithmetical and grammatical analysis work were especially good; in fact it would be difficult to get aside any one line which was more fully covered than the others. The exhibit will find a place pretty well towards the top and the other counties will have a struggle to carry away any honors not coming to Crook. From an educational standpoint the exhibit is thoroughly convincing of the excellent instruction given the pupils by their teachers.

The Columbia Southern Railway Company will sell excursion tickets from all ticket offices to Portland and return daily from May 29 to October 15, good to return within 30 days from date of sale, but not later than October 31st, 1905, at rates as follows for the round trip:  
Wasco, \$4.80; Moro, \$5.75; Grass Valley, \$6.35; Shaniko, \$8.00. Children between 5 and 12 years, one-half the above rates. C. E. LITTLE, General Passenger Agent.

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