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"Editor The Journal.—There are several places in Crook county along the streams used for irrigation purposes and in which trout and other fish abound, where the intakes to the irrigation ditches leading away from the streams are not protected by screens or other means to prevent fish from swimming in the laterals and finally meeting death when they reach the open ground. Wouldn't it be advisable in the face of thoughtlessness of this character which if persisted in will surely denude the streams of their fish, to take some steps towards remedying the evil? Crook county is famed far and wide for its magnificent trout streams, and it seems a pity that pure carelessness should result even in a small way in reducing its enviable reputation which is a source of pride to every lover of sport. Would the county court be susceptible to a petition asking for the enforcement of stringent measures in a matter of this kind?"

"A Fisherman."

The matter of protecting intakes referred to above is one which does not necessarily have to be looked after by any other than the deputy fish and game warden in the district affected. The state laws governing intakes to irrigation ditches are strict in all their provisions and cover fully any such transgression as noted. Note the following section from the Oregon statutes:

"Section 2064. Any person or persons, corporation or corporations, owning, in whole or in part, or leasing, operating, or having in charge any mill race, irrigation ditch, or canal, taking or receiving waters from any river, creek, or lake in which fish have been placed or may exist, shall put or cause to be placed, and maintain, over the inlet of the ditch, canal or mill race a wire screen of such construction, fineness, strength, and quality as shall prevent any fish from entering such ditch, canal, or mill race, when required to do so by the fish commissioner. Any person or persons violating any of the provisions of this section, or who shall fail to construct and maintain such screen, shall be deemed guilty of misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be punished as in this act hereinafter provided."

The punishment for violating the provisions of this act is a fine of not less than \$50 dollars and not more than \$1000, and costs of the action, or by imprisonment in the county jail not less than twenty-five days nor more than one year, or both such fine and imprisonment.

The change in the Shaniko-Prineville mail route, omitting Antelope, was made on Monday, and the stage now goes by way of Cow Canyon. The Mitchell mail route has been extended to Shaniko, and the mail for Antelope and other points distributed through this office, now comes on Mitchell stage. The new schedule gets mail into Prineville and way points about half an hour earlier, and this wonderful saving of time has called forth volumes from the Second Assistant Postmaster General in explanation of the necessity of the change in the interest of good service. Probably there will be a flag raised at Prineville, because they get their mail a half an hour earlier; and there should be a bonfire built at Shaniko, to celebrate the fact that the mail from Prineville reaches there at 1:30 in the morning instead of half an hour later. It does not seem to be of much moment, that all mail from Fossil, Canyon City, Mitchell, Ashwood and this place, going South from Shaniko, reaches Shaniko one evening and lays over until the next evening before proceeding on its journey. This mail all goes on the Mitchell stage, which reaches Shaniko in the evening after the Prineville stage has gone, except on occasions when

the train is several hours late at Shaniko. And the rule has the advantage of working both ways, for all mail from the South reaches Shaniko on one night and remains there until the next evening if it is to be carried on the Mitchell stage. But this delay of 24 hours in the mail service between points South and the big territory East of here, are nothing as compared with the saving of half an hour in the delivery of crop bulletins and Weather Bureau reports at Prineville.—Antelope Herald.

Kansas has stopped bleeding long enough to announce a scheme whereby it hopes to attract many single women to that state, and the inducement held out is that soon after reaching there they will enter upon the state of matrimony. There is considerable unoccupied land in the southwestern corner of that commonwealth and the proposition is to give to any single woman in the east who will accept it and live on it, a good sized tract, and the intimation is that single blessedness with a farm attached will speedily bring plenty of suitors. Of course this land is not just now very arable, but the real estate agents say that irrigation plans are on foot which when completed will make all that region blossom like a rose. A general exodus of unmarried women from the eastern states expected by the enterprising Kansans.—Ex.

A stranger in Antelope the other day, on his way out of Bend, circulated the report that the big irrigation project on the desert was a failure, and that 700 people left Bend on one day last week. Of course no one believed him, and we only repeat the story as a fair specimen of "calamity howling" one hears about the development work under way in Central Oregon, and which usually originates in just such irresponsible sources. We didn't inquire the man's name, but it was probably Ananias.—Antelope Herald.

The rising sun (both kinds) witnessed the ground covered with an inch of snow Thursday morning. The sun that rose over the horizon, however, soon put the blanket of white out of commission and the farmers are all rejoicing that their growing crops have received a thorough soaking.

Additional Locals

Roscoe Knox was in the city from Post this week.

T. J. Leach was in the city from Colver during the past week.

J. M. Faught was in the city from his Bear creek ranch the first of the week.

No services will be held next Sunday at the Union church. Rev. Mitchell will deliver the sermon at the class exercises at the Methodist church.

Champ Smith and Farmer Powell left Monday morning for Salem in charge of Frank Wright who was convicted of horse stealing during the session of the circuit court.

The baseball team will leave Sunday morning for Bend where the fourth game of the present series will be played. Bend will play a return game here the following Sunday, May 21.

Fire, originating from some unknown cause, destroyed the residence at Sisters of W. F. Fryrear, while the latter and his family were attending church last Sunday night. The house and contents are a total loss.

Two indictments were returned by the grand jury during its session last week against Lark Elliott, one charging him with horse stealing, the other with the cattle stealing. His bonds were fixed at \$1000 which were furnished.

Fred Lehman came in from Portland the first of the week to spend a few days looking after business matters and visiting relatives.

About 400 persons saw the ball game Sunday which was played on the new diamond. The new grand stand could have accommodated twice the number that it did without being taxed.

Deputy Sheriffs Milton Zell and Henry Cram returned to the city early Sunday morning in charge of Tim Edmundson and Charles Slavin who were arrested in the eastern part of the county on warrants charging them with horse stealing.

E. A. McDaniel and J. T. Borden, who are representing the Evening Telegram, were in the city yesterday on their way to Bend. They are making an overland trip, boosting the Telegram and writing descriptive articles of the country while enroute, and will eventually finish their trip at Ontario going by the way of Silver Lake and Lakeview thence across the Southern border of the state. The trip will consume about three months.

Peralto's crew of sheep-shearers, 12 in number, left here on Monday morning for the T. S. Mamilton ranch, near Ashwood, where they will shear 5000 sheep. From there they go to Muddy, to shear 10,000 or more sheep for the Prineville Land & Livestock Company. They have contracts for shearing a large number of sheep in that locality.—Antelope Herald.

PLAN TO CELEBRATE ON THE FOURTH

Preparations are being made for a big Fourth of July celebration at Grizzly Lake on the Summit of Grizzly mountain. The event is the hands of the Grizzly Lake Lumber company, but a committee consisting of J. H. Windom and W. H. Peck has the affair in charge.

The holiday will be appropriately celebrated with a program of music and a display of fireworks in the evening. Boats will be put on the lake for the accommodation of the crowd and a pavilion 30x60 feet will be built for dancing. Meals will also be served and refreshments during the day and evening. Over 100 tons of ice are stored in the ice house near the lake so there will be a plentiful supply for ice cream and cold drinks.

The committee is laying its plans to make the celebration as unique as possible in every respect and it is expected will draw a large crowd. A complete program for the day will be published later on after all the details have been perfected.

Bend is also preparing for a three days' celebration extending over the 3rd, 4th and 5th of July at which time it is proposed to hold a baseball tournament with two or three competing clubs. Other appropriate exercises will be arranged for the occasion.

DEATH OF JAMES S. KELLEY

James S. Kelley, a well known and highly respected citizen of this city, died at his home last Friday at the age of 33 years. His death was due to spinal trouble and a tubercular affliction from which he had been a sufferer for several years.

Mr. Kelley was born in Walnut Grove, Mo., December 17, 1871 and with his parents moved to Pleasant Hill, Oregon, in May 1882. He received his early education at the public schools in that place and later graduated from the Monmouth Normal. Upon finishing his studies at the latter institution he began teaching, a profession he followed for several years with marked success. Later he again resumed his studies and graduated from one of San Francisco's best colleges. A short time afterwards he took a position on the Pacific Christian, leaving his work on that paper to return to his home where he had been called by the fatal illness of his sister. After his sister's death Mr. Kelley fitted himself for a photographer and he was engaged in this line of work at the time of his death.

Mr. Kelley took up his residence in Prineville two years ago last

fall and aside from his photograph gallery was engaged in the mercantile business. As a business man and citizen he had the respect of all and his untimely death is deeply regretted.

Mr. Kelley was married in 1901 to Miss Grace L. Doering of Pendleton. The widow and an infant daughter survive him, and his mother and one brother, Lincoln Kelley, are living in Grass Valley. The deceased was a member of the Christian church of this city and it was mainly through his efforts that the Christian church was built in Ashland where he formerly lived.

The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. W. P. Jinnett last Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

MERCURY FURNACE WILL SOON BE BUILT

L. Tillotson arrived in the city Tuesday evening from San Francisco in company with C. Fitzgerald who comes here to install the 10-ton Scott furnace at the cinnabar properties on Lookout. The party will leave Friday morning for the mines and after looking over the ground and making estimates, Mr. Fitzgerald will leave for Portland where the order for the pipes and other equipments will be placed with the foundry.

Preparations for the erection of the furnace will be begun at once and a crew of men will commence work on the mountain next week clearing the ground and getting everything in readiness for the fire brick which will be shipped from Portland.

About 40,000 brick will be used and it is stated that the furnace will be completed and ready for operation inside of 60 days from the present time.

SETTLERS RUSH TO SILVER LAKE

Persons coming through the city from the Silver Lake district state that the region lying about 25 miles east of there in the Christ-mas lake region is being settled very rapidly.

Byron Cady returned from there this week and has located about 40 desert claims in that region. The tract which is being taken up has an enormous acreage and is as productive as any in the country. Water lies a depth of only a few feet below the surface and with a hand augur it is readily reached. Practically all of the land is covered with heavy sage brush which is frequently found 12 inches in diameter and the soil itself is a heavy black loam.

Valley people are taking up many claims in the section and it is stated by those who have filed their applications either for desert or homestead tracts that there will be a big rush of settlers into the district this year. A short distance to the southward the government has withdrawn 17 townships for irrigation purposes, a fact which centers more attention to the region.

New Rules Govern Examinations.

County superintendent Dinwiddie calls the attention of teachers to the rules for conducting 8th grade final examinations as formulated by the state board of education, three of which are given below:

1. Examinations for graduates for the Eighth Grades shall be held, at the option of each county superintendent, in any three of the following months, viz: February, May, June and September; beginning at 9 a. m. on such days of said months as the Superintendent of Public Instruction may indicate, in accordance with the program prepared by the State Board of Education for Eighth Grade examinations.

2. Teachers having pupils who will have completed the Eighth Grade work at the time of the next examination and who wish to take said examination shall notify the county superintendent in accordance with the following form; and no pupils shall be entitled to enter an examination whose teacher has neglected to notify the county superintendent.

3. The district clerk of the district in which the examination is held shall certify to the county superintendent the name of the person chosen by the chairman of the board to conduct the examination.

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County court convened last week and adjourned, owing to the session of the circuit court, until this week. Pressure of business will compel the court to remain open during the entire month.

W. E. Guerin, Jr., left Saturday morning for New York City where he will meet eastern capitalists who will finance the irrigation project north of this city. They expect to start for this section about May 18 and as soon as arrived here will look over the irrigation scheme mentioned.

The Columbia Southern Railway Company will sell excursion tickets from all ticket offices to Portland and return daily from May 29 to October 15, 1904 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, \$4.50; Moro, \$5.75; Grass Valley, \$6.25; Shaniko, \$8.00. Children between 5 and 12 years, one-half the above rates. E. E. LYTTLE, General Passenger Agent.

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